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ASF new Chief Exec Ian 'Hurricane' Holmes

NOBODY'S YES MAN

New Chief Exec Ian Holmes (right) being congratulated on his appointment by ASF chairman John Constantine

Decision maker

BY TOM ANDERSON

NEW ASF Chief Exec Ian "Hurricane" Holmes is a man with a mission.

This is to take Australian soccer into the modern era, and get a better deal for everyone — the players, the clubs and the spectators, devoid of all politics.

He's a man who has come through the mill as a full-time administrator and is a thorough professional.

But most important he's not a 'yes man' and is determined the buck will stop at his desk.

He certainly will not be the 'fall guy' for other people's decisions.

"I think my reputation speaks for itself," Holmes said on his appointment.

"I'm my own man, always have been and always will be.

"I realise I have a tough task ahead of me, but if I didn't think I could handle it, I would not have applied for the job in the first place."

Once Hurricane has settled down in his new appointment, the cobwebs of complacency that festoon the corridors of power at ASF headquarters at Rockdale, will well and truly be blown out the window!

What ABSW says . . .

'A WISE CHOICE'

THE appointment of Ian Holmes as the new Chief Executive Officer of Australian soccer is a historic move.

This is the first time the game in this country has had a Chief Exec and it's something that has been needed for years.

The ASF has to be congratulated on the selection of Holmes for the top job.

Ian 'Hurricane' Holmes is a first class and proven soccer administrator.

He's built a marvellous reputation over the years as being a straight shooter and a strong personality who doesn't suffer fools gladly.

In fact, here is a man who has all the credentials to take Australian soccer into the modern era.

We wish him well and all the success desired in the important years ahead.

However, one aspect of the announcement of the Chief Exec last week must have brought a smile to the faces of most ardent soccer followers.

This was that the appointment has been made on the recommendations of the Bradley Report.

Something that we do not dispute for one minute.

But, after the selection of the teams to comprise next seasons NSL competition which looked not to have been taken on Bradley's recommendations, it has to be asked just what is going on in the corridors of power within the ASF?

Surely, for the sake of credibility, this report should be either accepted fully or tossed aside, but not just used as a vehicle of convenience.

No doubt, this controversial issue will be one of the first addressed by new Chief Exec Ian Holmes.

THE EDITOR.

Big Ollie gets a reprieve

BY GREG BLAKE

THE Victorian Soccer Federation Board of Management has voted to partially lift the ten year suspension on former Socceroo great Peter Ollerton.

Following the receipt of a detailed submission seeking a partial lifting of the suspension from Ollerton late last year, the VSF board established a special sub-committee to review the case.

Ollerton provided detailed new written evidence, not tabled at his original disciplinary hearing and subsequent appeal in 1988.

Ollerton, the former Apia and South Melbourne champion, was suspended from coaching or playing for ten years in 1988 after being found guilty of punching a referee in a Victorian first division match between his club of that time, Doveton, and Sandringham.

After reviewing the case, the VSF subcommitee recommended that the board pass a resolution to partially lift the original suspension.

Based on that report, the VSF Board of Management has deemed that although the ban on Ollerton as a player remains in force, he will be allowed to coach in a limited capacity next year.

From the commencement of the 1992 season Ollerton will be permitted to coach a junior team, should he wish to do so.

From the commencement of the 1994 season Ollerton is free to coach at any level, junior or senior.

In the event that 'Ollie' is charged with and found guilty of misconduct at any time, the VSF has reserved the right to enforce the ten year suspension in full.

PETER OLLERTON (right) on bench with TERRY HENNESSEY

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1/2 million was well spent

BY LOU GAUTIER

THE Australian Federation claims it has spent $500,000 on costs incurred by the Young Socceroos in the past eight months.

That's the money that has been spent in several camps, including two weeks in Holland before the finals in Portugal this year, as well as the Oceania qualifiers in Fiji, the two-match play-off against Israel and the World Cup finals.

A government grant, the amount of which is not being disclosed, plus the levy on youth players in Australia will go towards recouping some of the half-million.

The ASF will not get a cent from the gate money in Portugal despite appearing in front of 112,500 spectators in the semi-final at Lisbon's De Luz Stadium.

The host country keeps all the money and marketing income goes to Coca-Cola, sponsors of the Youth World Cup.

ASF chairman John Constantine is not distressed over the massive costs incurred by the Young Socceroos.

He is aware that the publicity generated by their displays in Portugal more than repays the money invested.

He does not regard it as a loss and looks forward to the 1993 Youth World Cup.

The finals will then be held in Australia, and the ASF will keep very cent of the gate takings, television rights, and other goodies that come with the staging of a major event.

If organised properly, there is no reason why Australia can't show a nice profit.

And wouldn't it be nice if sporting success — another good display by the Young Socceroos — went hand in hand with a financial bonanza?

How we got the 1993 WYC series

BY TOM ANDERSON

THERE has been a great deal of conjecture about the 1993 World Youth Championships being held here in Australia for the second time.

The series of course was also staged here in 1981.

A number of administrators are at present going around patting themselves on the back and declaring what a great job they have done to "win" this series.

Well maybe this is so, but here's the real truth behind the story — straight from the mouth of FIFA chief Joao Havelange.

During a press conference at the World Cup finals in Italy last year I asked Dr Havelange why the championships were being brought to Australia for a second time.

This was his reply (Quote):

"The reason is that it is Oceania's turn to stage the series," he said.

"And the only applicant from Oceania to hold the series came from Australia.

"And being the only applicants they were awarded the championships.

"It's as simple as that."

So now you know!

Bergers in a real slick deal

Heidelberg's ANGIE GOUTZOULIS.

BY GREG BLAKE

NATIONAL Soccer League club Heidelberg is two players and $40,000 to the better following a succession of successful off-field negotiations.

Following on from the news that goal-scoring legend Gary Cole has returned to the club as senior coach, the Bergers had more heartening news last week with the return of two stars to the fold and the anouncement of a $40,000 sponsorship deal.

The grand one-year sponsorship deal, with Bob Jane T-Marts and Southern Motors, was clinched last week and came just days after both Jeff Olver and Phil Stubbins settled their differences with the club and elected to stay on at Olympic Village for the 1991-92 NSL campaign.

The $40,000 sponsorship deal, officially anounced last Tuesday at the Southern Motors headquarters in Melbourne, has eased some of Heidelberg's pressing financial worries.

And the deal has thrilled club president Peter Tsaklis.

At the official launch, attended by Heidelberg stars Terry Rizopoulos, Angie Goutzoulis, Gary Bratten and Olver, Tsaklis said the sponsorship was crucial to the club.

"We are very pleased indeed", he told the press.

"We feel honoured in that both companies backing the club are very respected businesses.

"We are proud to be associated with them".

Both major sponsors will be featured on the Heidelberg jerseys, with the Bob Jane T-Mart logo on the front and Southern Motors taking pride of place at the back.

The sponsorship news could not have come at a better time for Heidelberg, which has recently been the subject of much speculation about its financial future.

More positive news for the club came in the form of the return of Stubbins, who had been linked with Preston Makedonia, and the experienced Olver, who had walked out on the club five weeks ago following a pay dispute.

Olver, who left to tour Greece as a guest of South Melbourne Hellas last Wednesday, has been convinced to stay by Cole, a former team mate at Olympic Village.

He had been transfer-listed for $25,000 at his own request.

Stubbins, who is currently on loan to Premier League club Fawkner, has also returned at the request of Cole.

Three players remaining on the outer at Heidelberg are Stuart Stevenson, who has been linked with Miron Bleiberg's Brisbane United, and transfer-listed Willie Herd and Stuart Cannell.

New men?

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI could start the new season with an entirely new back-four, despite the vehement denials emanating from the club's officials.

Rumours have been circulating in soccer circles that right and left defenders, Robbie Wheatley and Jean Paul De Marigny, plus giant centre-back, Steve Calderan, were not going to have their respective contracts renewed.

With the recent sale of their dynamic sweeper, Paul Okon to Belgium, Marconi could take the pitch in the first week of October, fielding an entirely new defensive setup.

Already the skilful Milan Blagojevic has been signed from Apia at the bargain fee of $18,000.

St George's giant utility man, Andy Koczka and Socceroo free-back, Ned Zelic from Sydney Croatia, are both believed to be high on Marconi's priority shopping list.

If all goes well for Marconi, don't be surprised to see the brand new back-four taking the pitch in the form of Blagojevic, Koczka, Zelic and Steve Georgakis.

Peter Katholos, the ball-playing midfielder is about to depart from Marconi, destination unknown, but believed to be Sydney Olympic.

Should the 'Kat's' departure crystalise, the gap has already been filled by the $30,000 signing three weeks ago of young South American linkman, Gus Cerro, from Melita Eagles.

Marconi's 'middle-line' for the new season will have the lethal look of Ian Gray, Gus Cerro, Tommy McCulloch and John Markovski.

Flush with a $300,000 'cash-box' from the transfer of World Youth skipper Okon, Marconi has not closed its order books just yet.

Big game fishing

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

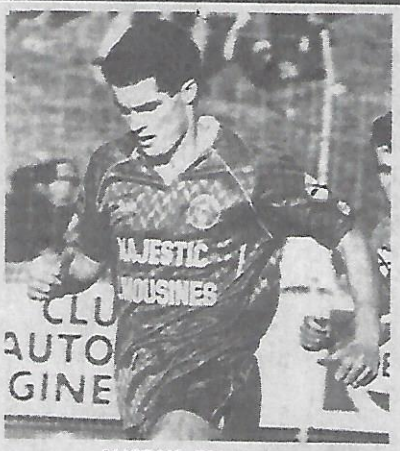
SYDNEY OLYMPIC, 1990 NSL champions, have cast a net to snare fresh talent as they gear up for a strong challenge on this season's NSL title.

For the coming season, Olympic will be without lanky sweeper Tony Spyridakos, left midfielder Alistair Edwards and striker Abbas Saad.

Coach Mick Hickman will again be in charge, (third season), with his assistant, Geoff Harcombe.

Hickman wants to move quickly to plug up the gaps left by the above departures.

Spyridakos was sold to Greek First Division side, Pierikos for $55,000 two weeks ago.



ALISTAIR EDWARDS

Meanwhile, Edwards, (a free agent and currently playing in Malaysia), has made it clear that he will not be returning to Australia for another year.

Fiery striker Saad, also currently guesting in Malaysia, has been offered a most lucrative contract by club side Johor, and his transfer from Olympic should be finalised within the next two weeks.

Last week, Olympic snapped up Hong Kong's hottest striker, 27 year old Tim Bredbury, due in Sydney next week.

Olympic has also been reported to want St George's Andy Koczka, Marconi's Peter Katholos and Melbourne Croatia's Branko Milosevic.

BHP Newcastle is rumoured to be interested in Olympic's robust midfielder Robbie Ironside while Apia is believed to be interested in Kiwi custodian Clint Gosling.

Highly skilful young striker, Pablo Cardozo, an exciting prospect, has already been signed by Olympic and big things are expected from this youngster.

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YET ANOTHER

The little San Marino

THE national football squad from the Republic of San Marino played its first ever game on November 14, 1990 in group two of the European Championship qualifying rounds. San Marino lost 0-4 to Switzerland in the Stadio Olimpico at Serravalle. For the footballers from the miniature republic at the foot of Monte Titano it was an all-time first in a preliminary competition for a world or European championship. A member of FIFA since 1988, San Marino is in the exactly the same position as the Faroe Islands. It was the Faroe Islands' very first European Championship qualifying match when they pulled off a fairy-tale victory over Austria. San Marino did not manage to equal their comember's sensational coup first time round but sooner or later they will come up with "their" surprise.

San Marino's quaint stadium nestled among the hills.

No fewer than thirty-one sports associations are members of the "Comitato Olimpico Nazionale Sammarinese" — thirty-one sports associations in a country of 23,000 inhabitants is quite an achievement. Giovanni Vito Marcucci, the chairman of the National Olympic Committee is proud of the number. "We are a nation of sports fans and Baron de Coubertin's motto still holds good for us: for us, the mere fact of competing is actually better than winning". The National Olympic Committee was founded in 1959 and 1960 athletes from San Marino took part for the first time ever in the Olympic Games in Rome. San Marino's athletes have not yet pocketed any medals but their marksman, Francesco Nanni, came fifth in the shooting competition in Los Angeles in 1984 — a highly acclaimed achievement and one that the folks back home celebrated in grand style; after all it was the first Olympic diploma for the little republic.

San Marino's sportsmen and women have therefore been active in the Olympic Games for 30 years; now they think it is high time they made forays into big international football. Their football association was founded in 1931 and it was not until March 23, 1986 that they played their first "A" international. They almost pulled off their first sensation against Canada when San Marino were edged out only after an own goal in the closing minutes of the game. In addition to a cup competition, San Marino has an A1 and an A2 championship involving 16 teams.

A member of FIFA and UEFA since 1988, San Marino has just under 1,000 licensed footballers. "Football is by far the most important sport in San Marino," explained Giovanni Vito Marcucci, the Olympic Committee chairman. "1,000 active players in a population of only 23,000 is an impressive number".

Their own national championship does not start until October in San Marino this year. The reason for this relatively late start is tourism. Most of San Marino's inhabitants work in this trade and their high season lasts until the beginning of October. So the players are just not available until the autumn and San Marino's football association takes acount of this.

The excellent preparatory training of coach Giorgio Leoni did not suffice to pull off a surprise coup against Switzerland.

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18. 9.1987	Aleppo (Syria)	San Marino v. Syria 0:3
20. 9.1987	Aleppo (Syria)	San Marino v. Turkey 0:4

European Championship qualifying rounds, Group 2:

14.11.1990	San Marino v. Switzerland 0:4			
5.12.1990	Romania v. San Marino 6:0			
27. 3.1991	San Marino v. Romania 0-3		19. 9.1991	San Marino v. Bulgaria
1. 5.1991	San Marino v. Scotland 0-2		16.10.1991	Bulgaria v. San Marino
5. 6.1991	Switzerland v. San Marino 7-0		13.11.1991	Scotland v. San Marino

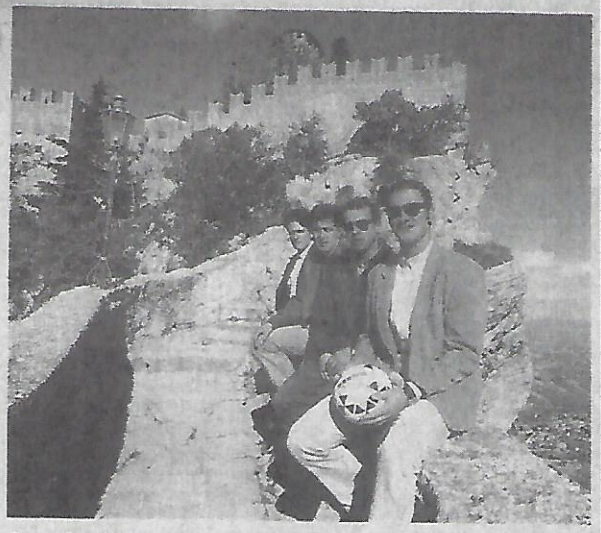
Once a week the cream of San Marino's players get together for a training session. The under-21 selection starts practising at 6.30pm prompt. Most of them are schoolboys and students and not overburdened with appointments they have to keep. For the "A" squad, it is quite another story. Many play for Italian clubs some distance away and are obliged to train there, some are tied down by their job, so training in a group often starts well behind time. Stefano Berti, their 33-year-old goalie, usually turns up straight from the gym because that is where he gives gymnastics to San Marino's secondary pupils in the early evening. Their midfielder Yvan Matteoni (21 year old) works as a mechanic in his father's car repair business. "Ours is a small business so I have to work into the evening until the repairs have been finished. Our customers wait outside the garage and that is why I often turn up late for training", he said.

The 31-year-old postman, Marco Montironi, arrives on time for the training sessions because he finishes his rounds in the early afternoon. But he sees other problems on the horizon. "The trouble will come when we'll have to be away from our jobs for a couple of days for games in Switzerland, Scotland, Romania and Bulgaria". The true amateurs among them will the have to take holidays to be able to play.

Taxi Drivers

The officials of the "Federazione Sanmarinese Giuoco Calcio" discharge their duties at their "Feder' Calcio" on a voluntary basis. Their President, Giorgio Crescentini, is a sports teacher; the coach, Giorgio Leoni, works in the postage stamp and coin office, and the Vice-President, Lamberto Capicchioni, is a self-employed taxi-stand owner and driver. Crescentini commented modestly, "We play in order to improve. Winning is not yet our main aim. The Faroe Island's example gave us a lot of heart but our main objective is to make San Marino famous all over the world through football."

The first bridge has already been crossed. Not only did journalists and television reporters from Switzerland and Italy turn up but media representatives from world famous newspapers were on the scene to watch the first European championship qualifying match between San Marino and Switzerland: L'Equipe from France, The Independent and The Daily Telegraph from England all reported on football's tiny tot. And now it has taken its very first step!



Some San Marino players in front of one of their small-scale nation's many strongholds. The "football stronghold" has yet to prove its impregnability.

Superstar Bonini

"I'M very keen to play for the national team because I want to do my part in making San Marino famous all over the world" is a quotation from someone who has earned many laurels in football and who can virtually only lose by appearing for his national squad.

MASSIMO BONINI

His name is Massimo Bonini, is 31 years old and is a professional for Bologna in the Italian Division 1. He was born and bred in San Marino. His parents' home is right next to the Stadio Olimpico in Serravalle, San Marino. His father, a builder by trade, built the dressing-rooms and stands of the attractive little stadium. Bonini progressed to Juventus via Bellaria (Rimini), Forli and Cesena.

Over a period of seven years, he has played almost 200 games for Juventus Turin, winning the league championship and the cup as well as tasting victory in the European and intercontinental cups.

At Juventus he played in a defensive midfield position, covering towards the back and complementing as a counterpart the attacking style of Michel Platini.

He is now one of the undisputed core players at Bologna, his position has remain unchanged and his attacking team pendant is now Lajos Detari. Massimo Bonini's contract with Bologna is due to expire in 1993. Why does he insist in playing for San Marino's national team, for a side with which he can, in fact, only end up as a loser?

"I know all San Marino's players since boyhood. I thoroughly enjoy having the chance to play with them again and, of course, I want to be there to make sure that San Marino put its best foot forward in the stadium. We could also put a cat among the pigeons some day."

At his first "A" international for San Marino, Massimo Bonini did not manage to steer his inexperienced teammates to a suprise win. Of all people, it was he — the only professional in the side — who bungled a pass that gave Switzerland their first goal. He let off steam about it after the match but nobody pointed an accusing finger at him.

His team-mates are hoping that he will line up with them again for their next games. "I'll gladly turn up again," smiled the 31-year-old Bologna professional, "because the older I get the more I enjoy playing and which footballer doesn't want to play for his country however tiny it is?"

The Federation of San Marino

SAN Marino is tucked inland 20 km away from Rimini in Italy. A population of 23,000 occupies an area covering 60.5 sq km.

The capital, San Marino City, is situated at 740m above sea level on Monte Titano. The Stadio Olimpico football stadium is located in Serravalle near the border with Italy and accommodates 4,500 spectators.

An independent state since the 13th century, San Marino has had its own constitution since the 15th century. Its independence was ratified by the Viennese Congress in 1815 and incorporated in a concord with Italy in 1862.

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Number of Licensed Coaches	20
Population	23,000
Language for Correspondence	French

Official Language		Italian
Year of Foundation		1931
Member of FIFA since		1988
Confederation		UEFA
Member since		1988
Championship dates		
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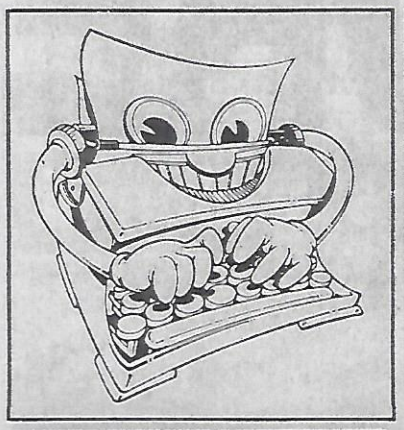

YOUTH LEAGUES MIGHT EXPAND

THE National Soccer League is considering a proposal to create two southern youth leagues after an overwhelming response from clubs.

Victorian Soccer Federation deputy executive director Terry Jones said 33 clubs in the NSL's southern region, comprising Victoria and South Australia, had applied for the 14 available places.

Jones said he had discussed a proposal with National Soccer League general secretary Peter Russell for the NSL to establish a first and second southern division to accommodate the demand.

"We should know something soon, once the financial and logistical considerations are worked out," Jones said.

"We would envisage the two divisions to work on a promotion and relegation system at the end of each season."

The NSL runs its northern and southern youth divisions separately and the winners of each division's final series play off at the end of each season for the national title.

PETER RUSSELL

Jones said Adelaide City, which last season became the first SA team to join the southern league, was likely to be joined this season by West Adelaide which has been readmitted to the NSL.

The other 31 applications came from the four Victorian NSL clubs and VSF clubs.

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Plea for help

PAUL Okon and Lorenz Kindtner have appealed for Australia to arrange future World Cup and Olympic Games qualifying matches in the European off-season.

The two Young Socceroos left last week for FC Brugge in the Belgian First Division, after signing three-year contracts estimated at $300,000 each.

They will be following the footsteps of striker Frank Farina who started his career with the national youth team, went to Belgium and signed a multi-million dollar contract this season with Italian club Bari.

"We would love to continue playing for Australia if selected in the Olympic or World Cup teams," said both players.

"But it will all depend on the club situation in Belgium and whether the games have been organised in the off-season when there is not as much pressure to retain a team place."

LORENZ KINDTNER

Kindtner didn't expect to attract an offer from Europe after spending only one season in the Australian National League with relegated club Sunshine George Cross.

He said he thought 22 or 23 was the right age to go to Europe after a player was more mature and his early call gives him a couple of years advantage.

"Every player dreams of an overseas contract and this is my starting point," said the Melbourne midfielder.

"My first ambition is to make the senior team and then take it from there."

Okon, rated the top sweeper at Portugal where Australia finished fourth in the World Under 20 championships last month, will stay in Europe even if he doesn't make the grade in Belgium.

He will probably get his chance in the first team before Kindtner because Brugge has sold one of its two sweepers and is likely to trial the young Aussie before deciding whether to venture again into the market.

"I want to do well at every opportunity and move on. If things don't work out for me I'd be disappointed but that's football," he said.

"Whatever happens I plan to stay in Europe because if you come home you're defeated. If I don't succeed the first time, I'll just keep trying."

The two players are expected to begin club training on Saturday, with the Belgian competition starting August 17.

Exports boost ranks

FRANK FARINA against Israel.

SOCCER has received a boost with a big increase in the numbers of youngsters taking up the code in Victoria.

The number of registered junior soccer teams in the state has jumped to a record 665 this season — up 27 per cent on last year — while attendance at a recent junior soccer clinic increased 80 per cent compared to a year ago.

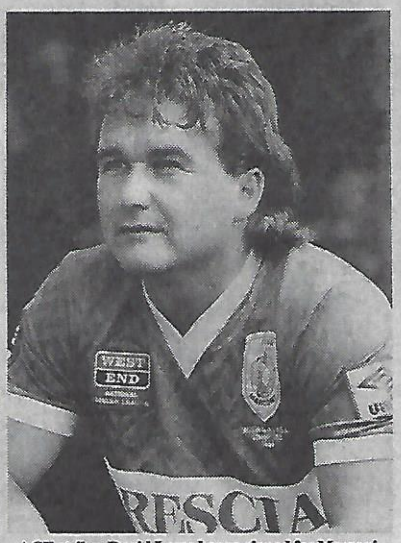
Victorian Soccer Federation spokesman Terry Jones says the number of schools which run teams but have not regrestired them with Federation is probably double that figure.

He says the success of exports such as Italian based Frank Farina and the recent signing of Young Socceroos star Paul Okon by Belgian club FC Brugge sparked a keener interest in soccer.

Wal comes home

WALTER ARDONE, the former Sydney Croatia striker, is expected to return to Sydney from Malaysia late August.

Ardone, who has just turned 20 years old, is currently playing with Second division side, Malacca, and is keen to find a new club in the NSL for the new season.



ACE striker David Lowe has re-signed for Marconi.

Lowe signed a new contract last week which will keep him at the Fairfield club for another season.

This ends all speculation that Lowe would join Newcastle.

Also fixed up for another one year term with Marconi is brilliant midfielder striker John Markovski.

QSF search

THE Queensland Soccer Federation has begun the search for a replacement for long-serving State Director of Coaching Bruce Stowell.

Stowell resigned last month after eight and a half years at Perry Park to take up the coaching reins at new NSL club, Newcastle Breakers.

The QSF last week advertised nationally for Stowell replacements and are expecting a flood of applications.

"We already have had quite a few calls of interest and we are expecting a high standard of applications," a QSF spokesman said.

The job specification calls for the successful applicant to be "responsible for the implementation, conduct and evaluation of state wide coaching policies which will be compatible with national strategies.

"He will be responsible for the professional development of all Regional Directors of Coaching and supply advice and guidance to the Queensland Soccer Coaches Association and other affiliated bodies."

The QSF spokesman pointed out that the size of Queensland, with Regional Directors of Coaching in various centres, made the State Director of Coaching position a hectic one.

"It's quite an involved job but we are confident of getting the right person to continue the work done in the area," he said.

Application for the position close on July 29.

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THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST
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*	BELL PARK	RINGWOOD C.	1
	ESSENDON C.	FRANKSTON P.	2
VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 2	ALTONA CITY	NUNAWADING	3
	BR'MEADOWS	GEELONG	4
	CHELSEA	S.H. POLONIA	5
	CLIFTON HILL	KEILOR	6
	DANDENONG	DONCASTER	7
	WAVERLEY	BENTLEIGH	8
	BRIGHTON	RICHMOND	9
	SANDRINGHAM	SUNBURY UTD.	10
VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 3	EAST BRUNS. U.	ELTHAM UTD.	11
	CLARINDA	HEIDELBERG C.	12
	MORELAND U.	LALOR UTD.	13
	CORIO UTD.	MOORABBIN	14
	SEAFORD UTD.	OAKLEIGH SUBS.	15
	SPRINGVALE U.	FITZROY CITY	16
‡	BAYSWATER	ROCKINGHAM	17
	KELMSCOTT	SORRENTO	18
	STIRLING MAC.	SPEARWOOD	19
WEST AUSTRALIA PREMIER LEAGUE	OSBORNE PK.	BALGA	20
	MELVILLE	BASSENDEAN	21
	INGLEWOOD	DIANELLA	22
	GOSNELLS	EAST PERTH	23
	FERNDALE U.	FORRESTFIELD	24
	SWAN CRAC.	WANNEROO	25
	WHITFORD C.	STIRLING T.P.	26
S.A. LEAGUE DIVISION 1	BLACKWOOD	MODBURY	27
	AZZURRI	SALISBURY	28
	POLONIA	BEOGRAD	29
	CROATIA	ADELAIDE C.	30
	HELLAS	W.T. BIRKALLA	31
	PARA HILLS	LION GRANGE	32
‡	CAPALABA	BEENLEIGH	33
TAS. NTH. LGE. DIV. 1	BURNIE	JUVENTUS	34
	CROATIA	DEVONPORT	35
	RAVENSWOOD	GEORGE TOWN	36
	WHITE EAGLES	LAUNCESTON	37
	WESTERN SUBS.	OLYMPIC	38
RESERVE MATCHES			
§	SOMERSET	ULVERSTON	39
	KARINGAL UTD.	REGENT	40
VIC. STATE LGE. DIVISION 4	HAWTHORN	ROSANNA	41
	CRANBOURNE	SPRING COND.	42
	HAMLYN R.	YARRAVILLE	43
	MORNINGTON	BORONIA	44
	PASCOE VALE	LANGWARRIN	45
WEST AUSTRALIA DIVISION 1	ASHFIELD	COCKBURN UTD.	46
	ARMADALE PK.	CANNING	47
	BALCATTA ETNA	BOORAGOON	48
	UNIVERSITY	GERALDTON	49
	STIRLING VASTO	MORLEY	50
	SUBIACO	NORTH LAKE	51
	SWAN IC.	PERTH CITY	52
	WEST YUGAL	QUEENS PK.	53
S.A. STATE LGE. DIV. 2	CAMPBELLTOWN	ELIZABETH	54
	OMONIA	PT. ADELAIDE	55
	ENFIELD CITY	SEAFORD	56
	NOARLUNGA U.	OLYMPIANS	57
	CENTRAL DIST.	CUMBERLAND U.	58
QLD. DIV. 4	VIRGINIA UTD.	SOUTHSIDE	59
	KENMORE R.	CLAIRVAUX	60
	TOOWONG	SOUTH STAR	61
TAS. STH. DIV. 1	TAROONA	CALEDONIAN	62
	UNIVERSITY	OLYMPIA SBT	63
	METRO	RAPID	64

★ Winning match numbers and supplementary number.

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MATCH RESULTS

WEEK 313
SAT. 27th JULY, 1991

*	ESSENDON C.	WESTERN SUBS.	1	1-1★
	PT. MELBOURNE	WERRIBEE	2	0-0
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 2	DANDENONG	SANDRINGHAM	3	2-3
	DONCASTER	CLIFTON HILL	4	1-2
	KEILOR	CHELSEA	5	1-0
	S.H. POLONIA	BR'MEADOWS	6	0-0
	GEELONG	ALTONA CITY	7	1-0
	NUNAWADING	BRIGHTON	8	1-2
	RICHMOND	WAVERLEY	9	2-1
	BENTLEIGH	SUNBURY UTD.	10	1-1★
VIC. STATE LGE. DIVISION 3	OAKLEIGH SUBS.	FITZROY CITY	11	2-1
	MOORABBIN	SEAFORD UTD.	12	1-3
	EAST BRUNS. U.	SPRINGVALE U.	13	2-1
	LALOR UTD.	CLAYTON	14	1-2
	HEIDELBERG C.	MORELAND U.	15	2-3
	ELTHAM UTD.	CLARINDA	16	4-0
WEST AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION	CANNING	ASHFIELD	17	2-0
	BOORAGOON	ARMADALE PK.	18	2-0
	BALCATTA ETNA	WEST YUGAL	19	1-0
	COCKBURN UTD.	UNIVERSITY	20	1-0
	GERALDTON	STIRLING VASTO	21	1-2
	MORLEY	SUBIACO	22	3-1
	NORTH LAKE	SWAN IC.	23	1-2
	PERTH CITY	QUEENS PK.	24	1-1★
S.A. STATE LGE. DIVISION 1	ADELAIDE C.	HELLAS	25	0-2
	BEOGRAD	CROATIA	26	1-1★
	SALISBURY	POLONIA	27	2-1
	MODBURY	AZZURRI	28	1-1★
	W. T. BIRKALLA	PARA HILLS	29	0-1
	LION GRANGE	BLACKWOOD	30	0-1
S.A. STATE LGE. DIVISION 2	CUMBERLAND U.	OMONIA	31	0-0
	ELIZABETH	NOARLUNGA U.	32	2-1
	SEAFORD	CENTRAL DIST.	33	0-0
	OLYMPIANS	PT. ADELAIDE	34	1-0
	ENFIELD CITY	CAMPBELLTOWN	35	1-2
QLD. DIV 3	BEENLEIGH	BROTHERS U.	36	12-0
	LOGAN CITY	LATROBE VALLEY	37	1-1★
	DARRA UTD.	ALBANY CREEK	38	1-1★

THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 29/7/91 — WEEK 313

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED									NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED								
1: 36	2: 39	3: 45	4: 27	5: 36	6: 60	7: 39	8: 59		1: 0	2: 4	3: 1	4: 2	5: 2	6: 4	7: 15	8: 3	
9: 51	10: 68	11: 61	12: 67	13: 56	14: 63	15: 63	16: 56		9: 1	10: 0	11: 5	12: 4	13: 3	14: 7	15: 9	16: 6	
17: 63	18: 52	19: 51	20: 62	21: 61	22: 65	23: 64	24: 60		17: 1	18: 4	19: 1	20: 7	21: 6	22: 5	23: 5	24: 0	
25: 58	26: 64	27: 60	28: 78	29: 72	30: 83	31: 66	32: 63		25: 2	26: 0	27: 11	28: 0	29: 3	30: 7	31: 5	32: 8	
33: 65	34: 74	35: 68	36: 60	37: 67	38: 66				33: 9	34: 10	35: 1	36: 2	37: 0	38: 0			

Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 313 SAT 27 JULY, 1991

Winning Match Numbers (in numercial order): 10, 24, 26, 28, 37, 38.
Supplementary Number: 1.

VIC SENIORS

STATE LEAGUE DIV TWO

Richmond	21	10	2	1	47	13	38
Altona City	22	13	6	3	42	24	32
Broadmeadows	23	10	7	6	35	29	27
Chelsea	23	11	4	8	41	30	26
Doncast.Rovers	23	8	9	6	35	29	25
Bentleigh Green	23	11	3	9	45	45	25
Keilor	21	8	7	6	34	30	23
Sunbury Utd.	22	8	6	8	28	27	22
Waverley City	23	9	3	11	37	40	21
Clifton Hill	22	7	6	9	31	25	20
Nunawad.City	22	6	3	11	32	35	19
Sandringham	22	7	4	11	41	41	18
Geelong	23	7	3	13	23	47	17
Dandenong	23	4	6	11	31	49	16
Sunz.Heights po	22	5	5	12	28	52	14
Brighton	23	4	6	13	21	35	14

STATE LEAGUE DIV TWO RESERVES

Clifton Hill	21	15	4	1	54	21	35
Keilor	21	13	4	4	52	21	30
Richmond	21	13	3	5	53	34	29
Altona City	21	11	6	4	57	28	28
Doncast.Rovers	23	12	4	7	47	35	28
Sunz.Heights po	22	9	6	7	41	35	24
Brighton	23	8	7	8	32	35	23
Broadmeadows	21	6	10	5	37	33	22
Chelsea	23	6	10	7	45	55	22
Sunbury Utd.	23	8	5	10	28	40	21
Dandenong	23	6	8	9	25	33	20
Waverley City	23	9	1	13	38	47	19
Nunawad. City	23	6	3	14	36	45	15
Bentleigh Green	22	5	5	12	30	53	15
Sandringham	21	3	6	12	33	59	12
Geelong	23	3	4	16	22	55	10

STATE LEAGUE DIV THREE

Oakleigh Subs	21	13	5	3	33	14	31
Clayton	20	11	8	1	41	22	30
East Bruns.Ivan	21	12	4	5	43	21	28
Seaford Utd.	20	12	1	7	37	27	25
Eft.Diam.Valley	20	8	6	4	33	22	24
Corio Geelong	21	10	4	7	25	23	24
Clarinda	21	7	8	6	25	29	22
Moorabbin City	21	6	9	6	23	23	21
Lalor Utd.	20	8	2	10	28	27	18
Springvale Utd.	21	5	8	8	29	28	18
Fitzroy City	21	6	4	11	24	45	16
Mars.P.H.Coburg	21	6	3	12	23	47	15
Holland Park	21	3	5	13	26	34	11
Heidelberg City	21	1	5	15	13	41	7

STATE LEAGUE DIV THREE RESERVES

Seaford United	21	16	4	1	57	16	36
East Bruns.Ivan	21	9	8	4	41	25	26
Lalor Utd.	20	9	8	3	25	12	26
Clayton	21	9	8	4	38	27	26
Moorabbin City	21	9	7	5	36	24	25
Fitzroy City	20	8	6	6	32	29	22
Oakleigh Subs	21	8	6	7	28	28	22
Mars.P.H.Coburg	21	9	3	9	47	36	21
Eft.Diam.Valley	20	8	5	6	32	34	20
Clarinda	20	6	7	7	29	33	19
Springvale Utd.	21	7	5	9	33	38	19
Holland Park	21	4	3	14	29	31	11
Corio Geelong	21	4	3	14	21	51	11
Heidelberg City	21	2	2	17	17	70	6

STATE LEAGUE DIV FOUR

Repgal	19	12	5	2	41	16	29
Sth Dandenog	19	12	5	2	35	12	29
Cranbourne	19	8	8	3	22	16	24
Karingal Utd.	19	10	4	5	24	23	24
Mornington	20	8	7	5	30	31	23
Yarraville	20	7	6	7	32	32	20
Pascoe Vale	18	7	6	5	29	30	20
Rosanna	19	7	2	10	32	28	16
Langwarrin	20	5	6	9	18	24	16
Hawt.Citizens	19	5	4	10	28	31	14
Boronia	20	4	5	11	23	37	13
Hamlyn Rangers	19	5	3	11	21	35	13
Spring.Cond.rs	19	3	3	13	16	36	9

S.A.

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Adelaide	18	12	4	2	44	15	28
Salisbury	18	11	6	1	41	15	28
E.D. Azzurri	18	8	5	5	26	15	21
Para Hills	18	8	4	6	32	27	20
Croatia	18	8	3	7	32	25	19
Adelaide City	18	8	4	6	32	23	17
Modbury	18	5	7	6	19	18	17
W.T. Birkalla	18	7	2	9	15	24	16
USC Lion	18	5	5	8	16	32	15
Polonia	18	6	2	11	26	34	14
Beograd	18	4	5	9	15	29	11
Blackwood	18	1	2	15	9	53	4

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Elizabeth City	14	8	2	3	18	11	19
Olympians	14	6	5	3	25	17	17
Port Adelaide	14	6	3	5	14	13	15
Seaford	14	6	3	5	21	16	15
Campbelltown	14	7	2	5	19	22	16
CD APAC	14	4	6	4	18	18	14
Cumberland	14	3	7	4	14	14	13
Enfield City	14	5	2	7	15	17	12
Omonia	14	3	5	6	11	15	11
Noarlunga	14	2	4	8	14	26	8

TASMANIA

SOUTHERN

University SC	15	11	0	4	42	21	33
Howrah Utd	16	10	2	4	37	18	32
Olympia-SBTB	15	8	5	2	30	16	29
Hobart Juventus	14	8	4	2	37	17	28
Rapid SC	13	9	1	3	29	19	28
Taroona SC	16	8	2	6	36	35	26
South Hobart SC	15	5	3	7	28	31	18
Hobart City SC	14	5	2	7	31	30	17
Caledonian SC	16	3	3	10	22	48	12
K'borough U SC	15	2	5	8	16	37	11
White Eagles SC	15	2	4	9	28	36	10
Metro Clare SC	15	2	3	10	18	43	9

W.A.

SUPER LEAGUE RD 15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Perth Italia	13	8	4	1	29	9	20
Floreat Athena	14	9	2	3	29	13	20
Stirling Mace	14	8	2	4	32	14	18
Kingsway City	13	5	6	2	20	15	16
Rockingham City	14	5	5	4	19	22	15
Nth Perth Croatia	12	5	4	3	22	17	14
Fremantle Ben	14	4	4	6	20	30	12
Bayswater Inter	13	4	3	6	25	27	11
Spearwood Dal	13	3	4	6	23	26	10
Sorrento SC	13	2	6	5	13	25	10
Kelmscott Roos	13	0	0	13	6	40	0

FIRST DIVISION RD 16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canning C	18	12	3	3	53	18	27
Armadale Park	18	11	3	4	46	20	25
Swan IC	18	12	1	5	36	19	25
Cockburn Utd	18	11	3	4	41	30	25
Queens Park	18	9	6	3	40	25	24
Ashfield Dyn	18	10	2	6	35	28	22
Western Yugal	18	8	5	5	30	44	21
Perth City	18	6	7	5	45	31	19
North Lake E	18	8	3	7	48	40	19
Geraldton La F	18	6	5	7	30	35	17
Stirling Vasto	18	7	3	8	37	43	17
University	18	4	5	9	28	36	13
Booragoon Z	18	5	2	11	30	51	12
Morley Wind	18	3	3	12	20	35	9
Subiaco Stirling	18	1	5	12	18	45	7
Balcatta Etna	18	2	2	14	27	64	6

PREMIER LEAGUE RD 17

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wanneroo Brit	17	10	6	1	28	14	26
Bassendean C	17	10	3	4	37	21	23
Ferndale Utd	17	8	5	4	44	21	21
Balga SC	17	10	1	6	32	24	21
Inglewood Kiev	17	8	5	4	34	27	21
Forrestfield Utd	17	6	9	2	31	26	21
Melville Alem.	17	7	6	4	30	20	20
Dianella Serbia	17	7	4	6	32	23	18
Swan Cracovia	17	8	2	7	31	23	18
Stirling Toscany	17	5	7	5	28	25	17
East Perth V	17	3	6	8	18	27	12
Osborne Pk G	17	2	5	10	18	40	9
Gosnells City	17	3	2	12	15	45	8
Whitford City	17	1	1	15	16	58	3

QUEENSLAND

XXXX LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bris Lions	18	12	4	2	31	17	40
Rochedale R.	17	11	1	5	41	21	34
Pine Rivers	17	9	2	6	30	20	29
North Star	18	7	6	3	35	27	29
Bris Croatia	18	9	2	7	29	23	29
Eastern Subs	17	6	3	6	23	18	27
Mt Gravatt	18	5	7	6	25	26	22
Coalstars	17	5	7	5	16	19	22
Brisbane City	17	4	4	9	18	31	16
Taringa Rovs	18	4	4	10	20	36	16
Acacia Ridge	18	4	2	12	15	42	14
Nerang	17	2	6	9	14	26	12

XXXX RESERVE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bris Lions	18	15	1	2	62	17	46
Mt Gravatt	18	11	5	2	36	12	38
North Star	18	12	1	5	37	27	37
Coalstars	18	8	4	6	36	23	28
Taringa Rovs	18	8	2	8	26	33	26
Pine Rivers	18	6	5	7	40	33	23
Bris Croatia	18	7	2	9	29	33	23
Nerang	18	7	2	9	25	37	23
Acacia Ridge	18	5	4	9	22	33	19
Rochedale Rovs	17	3	5	9	17	28	14
Brisbane City	17	3	5	9	15	36	14
Eastern Subs	18	2	4	12	19	52	10

XXXX COLTS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Star	17	13	2	2	34	17	41
Brisbane City	17	10	4	3	30	16	34
Bris Lions	18	8	6	4	37	22	30
Taringa Rovs	18	8	5	4	39	24	29
Eastern Subs	18	9	2	7	34	26	29
Mt Gravatt	17	9	2	6	21	16	29
Pine Rivers	17	6	4	7	31	21	22
Nerang	17	6	3	8	22	36	21
Bris Croatia	17	6	3	8	25	43	21
Acacia Ridge	18	4	4	10	19	37	16
Rochedale Rovs	18	2	7	9	21	25	13
Coalstars	17	2	0	15	18	48	6

XXXX THIRD	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochedale Rovs	18	15	0	3	47	18	45
Coalstars	18	11	2	5	48	31	35
Taringa Rovs	18	10	3	5	44	30	33
North Star	18	10	3	5	41	29	33
Acacia Ridge	18	9	3	6	41	28	30
Bris Lions	18	9	2	7	41	31	29
Mt Gravatt	18	6	5	7	42	35	23
Bris Croatia	18	7	1	10	34	37	22
Eastern Subs	18	6	1	11	40	47	19
Nerang	18	6	0	12	28	43	18
Pine Rivers	18	5	3	10	21	40	18
Brisbane City	18	1	3	14	18	76	6

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Maier goal

BHP AUSTRAL 1
BLACKTOWN CITY 0

NEWCASTLE's Austral side showed how much they have improved in recent weeks when they defeated an in form Blacktown City 1-0 at Austral Park on Saturday.

The two teams had both been in good touch and Blacktown had gone fourteen games without defeat, while BHP Australs had gone eight.

The quality sides played at a brisk pace and there were chances right away to thrill the crowd.

In the 4th minute Daivd Lowe's glancing header was just wide after Bobby Naumov display of skill on the right flank.

In the 15th a fierce shot by Blacktown's Paul Bourke cannoned off the post and Lawrie McKinna could have done better with the rebound but watched as Craig Carter got there first and smothered any opportunity.

Carter had less to worry about over a long range Peter Bennett effort in the 19th and the stage was set for the goal of the game.

A free kick taken by Darren Stewart in the 21st minute got through the wall due to sheer force and Ralph Maier thumped the ball into the net when it ran loose about 15 metres out.

Geoff Gunning was in the thick of the action with a number of sorties, invariably down the left flank, but when called upon to shoot, Gunning went for power rather than placement and the ball was sent wide on each occasion.

Mike Gibson was kept busy, finding some difficulty with a Bob Naumov corner in the 63rd and lucky not to concede a second goal when the ball ran free in the area. Quick defensive thinking averted any serious danger for the Demons.

Blacktown almost drew level in the 85th a Peter Bennett cracker hitting the post with Carter beaten.

Three minutes later Australs showed they were not finished, McWhirter nodding over the bar after a series of moves between Maier and Naumov.

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, Roberts, Jones, Boogaard, Stewart, Tredinnick, McWhirter, Meredith, D. Lowe, Maier, Naumov.

BLACKTOWN CITY: M. Gibson, Longo, Langon, Northam, Gunning, Mason, Callanan, Bennett, McKinna (Easthorpe 70), Bourke (Lees 65).

REFEREE: Milton Pollock.

Manly in big turnup

MANLY NS 2
SYDNEY MACE 0

UNEXPECTEDLY, Sydney Macedonia, on the verge of making a big impression on the top five for the first time, came unstuck at Cromer Park when they went down 2-0 to the bottom club Manly North Shore United.

Macedonia, bent on riding their luck in recent games with another forceful display, failed to take their chances, especially in the first twenty minutes when they threatened to take the hitherto luckless Northerners apart.

For all that the first chance fell to Manly North Shore in the 2nd minute Aidan Grimes racing into the area only to be thwarted by a desperate tackle by Macedonia goalie Tony Avellino, earning a freekick instead.

Big Mark Reveley made repeated runs into the home side's half and the 4th minute set up Zoki Adioski for a shot which went right across the face of the goal and past the far post to safety.

The in the 10th a good throw by Anthony Surjan led to Fabian Kadric having a free shot, but with Prentice beaten, Kadric hit the post.

Theo Kotsias gave Mark Butler the slip in the 11th and put Scott Gilbert in for an easy close range shot, but the league's leading marksman put the effort wide with a very poor delivery.

Kotsias went wide to give Adioski a chance in the 18th, but Adioski chipped over the keeper and also over the bar.

In the 23rd Grimes managed another burst upfield to face Avellino, but again the Macedonia goalie was too good.

Andrew Prentice almost got caught out by a 29th minute long clearance out of the visitors' defence, missing the collect and relying on defensive back up to clear to the sidelines.

After Adioski had missed another good chance in the 32nd the home side hit the front.

For all their attacking power, Macedonia had been the only side to concede two goals against Manly to date when they won the first round encounter 3-2 and they showed their vulnerability again.

Gabe O'Carroll floated over a nice ball, which hung in the air after being cut back from the byline and Phillip Moss latched onto it with a sweetly timed volley from about 12 metres to send local supporters wild.

Macedonia kept on coming and in the 38th, Kadric had a left side cross pushed onto the bar by Prentice, who was kept busy.

Two minutes later a Gilbert header, following a corner, was cleared of the line and after several more stabs at the loose ball it was cleared. As half time beckoned Manly North Shore defender Tim Greenway managed to whip the ball off the lunging boot of Kadric who had been put through and was set to score.

The second half was only four minutes old when Andy Koczka was brought down by Blago Milicevic and a penalty was awarded to Macedonia by referee Manny Loupis.

N.S.W.
FIRST DIVISION
COMPILED BY
PAUL GOODWIN

Scott Gilbert, who has been scoring from the spot regularly, smacked the crossbar, symptomatic of a day when nothing would go in for the visitors.

In the 54th Moss almost got his second for Manly when he chipped the ball over the bar after another O'Carroll pass.

Under pressure by Moss in the 66th minute, Avellino dropped the ball which had been despatched from the corner on the right by Chris White.

Craig McGregor buried his shot in the roof of the net when the ball ran free and he found it at his feet within a few matres of the goal, putting his side two goals up.

Aidar Grimes headed straight down at the ground when Matco Farac put over a telling cross from the right in the 85th which deserved a third goal and Adam Ciantar also hit a shot right at Avellino in stoppage time to miss a similar opportunity.

Before the end Macedonia had further chances to get square.

Prentice saved an Adioski volley brilliantly and a Koczka shot in tidy fashion, also in stoppage time.

Nothing was going to stop Manly North Shore United, formed early this year, from celebrating their first competition win and they may have gained the confidence to go on to more before the season is over.

MANLY NORTH SHORE UNITED: Prentice, Greenaway, Butler, Milicevic, Doyle, McGregor, Ciantar, O'Carroll, Moss, White (Farac 77), Grimes (Turpin 85).

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avellino, Souris, Bozkovski, Reveley, Pilovski, Koczka, Surjan, Kotsins, Adioski, Gilbert, Kadric.

REFEREE: Manny Loupis.

Too strong

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2
CANBERRA METRO 0

FOLLOWING their disappointing showing the previous day, Rockdale may have been expected to struggle against Canberra Metro.

In a game which had its share of excitement, Rockdale snatched all three points when it added a second goal to its very early strike with an 82nd minute Greg Lerond free kick.

In the 5th minute Dave Segreto took advantage of some uncertainty in the Metro's defence by stopping down and heading on to the lurking Zlatko Markovski.

Markovski went round the last two defenders and found the top left corner of the net from just outside the area.

When Sasha Lazerovski was impeded in the 21st minute Greg Lerond signalled his command of the dead ball with a fine shot which Paul Jones managed to push round the post.

John Roch was making a big impact with his incisive runs and helped the Canberra side pile on the inevitable pressure.

In the 75th minute after a series of shots had been cleared, Paul Foster brought out the best in Tony Franken, who had to tip a great header over the bar.

Joe Gagetti also hit the crossbar as the vistiors did everything but score.

For Rockdale Scott Deveridge and Bruno Beddoni were combining well, but Stewart Porter must have left his shooting boots at home as he blasted wide on more than one occasion, when placement might have brought suitable rewards.

As Canberra looked like equalizing at any stage of the second half, Rockdale put the game out of their each in the 82nd minute.

When Deveridge was brought down on the right hand side of the area, Lerond managed to curl the ball inside the right post, giving him only his second goal in two seasons.

In Markovski and Lerond the home side certainly have free kick skills to match most of their opponents.

The win took Rockdale into second spot, their best position in the past three seasons.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Franken, Segreto, Lerond, Lazarevski, Buchanan, Naumovski, Markovski (Krkovski 87), Deveridge, Wilson, Porter (Belovski 82(, Beddoni.

CANBERRA METRO: Jones, Marcina, Vanzetti (Musitano 70), Rogic, Koch, Beltrami, Gagetai, Foster, Ravenello, Lemezina, Dukic.

REFEREE: Alex Spirovski.

ROUND 18 RESULTS

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0 SOUTHERN DISTRICTS 0

BHP AUSTRAL 1 (Maier), BLACKTOWN CITY 0

MANLY NORTH SHORE 2 (Moss, McGregor) SYDNEY MACEDONIA 0

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2 (Markovski, Lerond) CANBERRA METRO 0

AVALAf 1 (El Ali) CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE 1 (Ilic)

SUTHERLAND SHIRE 1 (Bard), WARRINGAH FRESHWATER 1 (Pierce)

POLONIA 0 SOUTHERN DISTRICTS 1 (Tasdemir)

Stalemate

AVALA 1
C BURY M VILLE 1

AVALA lost skipper Mirko Radosavljevic at half time and found it difficult to find any way through a Canterbury defence until the 78th minute, at the Serbian Centre.

Dennis Olla, in the Berries' goal in place of the honeymooning George Bouhoutsas, was again in good touch and did well to deny Peter Vukmirovic in the 2nd minute, two headers being dealt with neatly.

Avala defended well, as Nick Oustambasidis created openings, but they had little to offer, themselves, in return.

Louis Dounis was denied by both Dragan Pupovac in the Avala goal and the outstretched legs of defenders.

Olla did well to get a hand to a Tom Divljak free kick from 30 metre in the 23rd and as Zoran Ilic attmepted to go round him in the 34th he made a timely block.

Canterbury took a 57th minute lead, Ilic receiving a precision pass from Oustambasidis and tucking the ball under the Avalal 'keeper's body.

Avala had Stephen Berry hitting the post for them in the 54th, before the Osvaldo El Ali show moved into top gear.

In the 78th minute El Ali clashed with Kenny Slaveski in the 18 yard box and referee Eric Cohen awarded the home side a life-saving penalty.

Olla got a hand to it but El Ali's penalty had just enough on it to get over the line and give Avala their share of the points.

AVALA: Pupovic, Driene, Radovic, Ashton, Radosavljevic (Kupresanin 46) Berry, Divljak, Benitez, El Ali, Vukmirovic, Fitzharris.

CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE: Olla, Rezo (Papoythis 65, Kladis 84), Hantzis, Radman, Yankos, Slaveski, Katholos, Tsaosidis, Ilic, Dounis, Oustambasidis.

REFEREE: Eric Cohen.

A fine win!

POLONIA 0
SOUTHERN DIST 1

POLONIA, under new coach Vince Montgomery, found the going tough against a rejuvenated Southern Districts at Chopin Park.

The visitors managed a 1-0 win, thanks to smart work by the persistent Gurkan Tasdemir.

A determined effort by Polonia, a side with a sprinkling of youth to back up the Polish League stars, was not enough on the day.

Polonia played tiday football and committed players forward regularly, trying to build up steadily and rely on sound defence.

It came unstuck in the 52nd minute when Bruce Thurlow, patrolling well outside his area and acting as sweeper, collided with a retreating defender attempting to clear a long ball sent out of the Districts' defence.

Tasdenir, challenging with these two for the bouncing ball, capitalized on their mistake, nipping through to steal the ball and place it in the empty net.

POLONIA: Thurlow, P. Richardson, Kwasniewski, Lasek, C. Thompson, Gatt, Hinton (M. Richardson 82), Straszewiski, Sepping (Jakubowski 82) Cooper, Nowicki.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS: Pezzano, Genc, Canosa, Moon Cheung, Ciaramella, Gregson, Genovese, Card, Read (Tappia 57), Tasdemir, Murray.

REFEREE: John Bowdler.

Improvers

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0
SOUTHERN DIST 0

A poor performance by Rockdale against one of the most improved teams in the competition, Southern Districts who almost got away with more than a single point from a 0-0 draw.

Bruno Beddoni nearly gave Rockdale an early lead, hitting the upright instead and when the ball came out Stewart Porter, faced with a tap in, hit the crossbar.

Districts kept coming and could have snatched it in the 78th, Peter Murray beating an inviting offside trap and almost getting round Tony Franken, before the keeper's legs blocked the attempted shot.

At the other end the nervous understudy to Tony Pezzano, Haydah Arslaa, had very little to do after the first few scares and watched his side put Rockdale under pressure. Twenty four hours later the stand-in goalie was back on duty as a field player with the Under-19 side and scoring a goal to boot.

There was little the Rockdale faithful would like to dwell on and their attention turned very quickly to the next day's game with Canberra.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Franken, Segreto, Lerond, Ralevski (Deveridge 60), Buchanan, Naumovski, Markovski, Petrovski (Belovski 80), Wilson, Porter, Beddoni.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS: Arslan, Genc, Canosa, Moon Cheung, Ciaramella, Gregson, Genovese, Card, Read (Tappia 70), Tasdemir, Murray.

REFEREE: Nick Asargiotis.

MIDWEEK FIXTURES

DIV WED JULY 31

Polonia v Manly North Shore
POPONDETTA PARK 9pm

SAT AUGUST 3

BHP Austral v Southern District
AUSTRAL PARK

DIV 2 TUES JULY 30

Campbelltown v Gladesville Hby
BENSLEY RD 7.30pm

Kingroo

Entertainment!

SUTHERLAND SHIRE 1
W RINGAH F WATER 1

AN entertaining scrap at Seymour Shaw ended with a 1-1 draw between home side Sutherland and talented visitors Warringah Freshwater.

Both goals arrived in the first eight minutes, but there were chances at both ends throughout the game.

In the 8th minute Warringah hit the front, Jose Iriarte carving out an opening down the right and finding Wayne Pierce whose pinpoint close range header gave Paul Dart no chance.

Frustration for Warringah supporters who have seen their side squander a lead before, as Sutherland equalized within two minutes.

Daryl Sharp, set up by Robbie O'Shea, sent over a good cross from the right byline and there was Grant Bard to end his own lean lot with a snappy goal.

Sharp cut the ball back from 12 metres out on the byline and Bard had time to control the ball before slamming it home.

In some of the best soccer seen at the ground this year chances were greated and not taken for most of the match.

Iriarte was prominent and was wide with a shot in the 6th minute, before setting up his team's goal, but could have made it two in the 20th when another run ended with Pierce heading wide.

In the 41st Steve Lombardo was wide from yet another Iriarte cross this time from the left, the Argentinian having shaken off two good challenges.

Peter Gunning rescued the visitors in the 51st snatching the ball off he boot of Grant Bard who had run into the gap to chase a delicate chip over the defence by Harry Christadoulou.

Gunning also got down well to smother a shot from Robbie O'Shea which had penetrated the wall after a free kick in the 83rd.

Paul Edmunds should hve done better with his finish to a well worked short corner by Michael Lardis and Scott Leney.

Edmunds, unmarked, stuck out a toe, perhaps acting with uncessary haste and the ball ran wide.

Apart from a lob over the bar by Lombardo there was far less to satisfy the crowd of travelling followers in the second half.

The two points gained by both sides will prove very useful indeed.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Ensor (Lardis 46), Edmunds, M. O'Shea, Biscaya, R. O'Shea, Christadoulou, Leney, Clinch, Bard, Sharp.

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Gunning, Etherington, Brown, Sterrey, Pierce, Miranda, Masi, Dean, Lombardo, Iriarte, McKie.

REFEREE: Chris Smyth.

Odd goal in it!

The deferred game between Polonia and Manly North Shore set down for last Wednesday which was called off, will be staged this Wednesday at Popendetta Park.

Polonia are determined to finish the season with some good results and could return to the winners list here. A dour bottom of the table clash is expected, though, and while one goal would settle it, a duck egg draw is most likely, neither side being renowned for scoring freely this term.

On Saturday Southern Districts and BHP Austral clash in the first of a double engagement these sides have planned for the weekend. Australs are firing now, but Districts will make them work hard. Over the two days Australs should win at least one and draw the other, with a better result likely away from home for the Newcastle side.

Canterbury will be very sorry if they cannot claim maximum point courtesy of Polonia at Arlington on Sunday. The Berries have made a habit of drawing, but this time should get valuable point on the board.

Canberra Metro are likely to get some goals in beating Avala at Deakin Oval where they reign supreme and given Avala's poor goal scoring record, a comfortable win is confidently forecast, despite the derby nature of the game.

Warringah and Rockdale meet at Crome and the home side is favoured to run out close winners, unless Beddoni and Porter can punish a side which sometimes suffers lapses of concentration at critical stages of its games.

Sydney Macedonia, with a chance to make the five and a sound record at Jensen Park are likely to find Sutherland hard to beat.

Blacktown City rarely loses at home to sides from Sydney's North and his should be no exception, unless Manly North Shore have really turned the corner. A sound home win is predicted.

Sun shines on Cyprus

YOUNG Cyprus United striker John Manolopoulos helped himself to a scoring double, as United held down equal second spot with a 3-2 win over Campbelltown, while other semi final fringe dwellers also tasted defeat, Granville 1-0 to Petersham, and Mt Pritchard 1-0 at home to lowly Gladesville.

N.S.W.
SECOND DIVISION
COMPILED BY
ALISTAIR RUSSELL

Manolopoulos just 17, scored on his debut for the senior side last week, and on Sunday contributed a double including the winner as Cyprus continued their five match unbeaten run.

Campbelltown, on the verge of dropping from the finals race, took the lead in the 12th minute, Sepp Disch netting his first for the day from the spot after a foul by the United keeper.

Cyprus took command after the early set back, Tom Pontidas equalising in the 18th minute from close range after a nod down from Greg Johnstone.

Pontidas again provided the scope for the second, threading a ball through for Manolopoulos to crack home a great shot five minutes prior to the interval.

Campbelltown were almost out of the contest, reduced to ten men with 62 minutes gone after a punching incident, but again Disch provided the spark, robbing the United defence to equalise in the 70th minute.

Deservedly Manolopoulos had the final say, cleverly chesting and controlling a cross from Mavrides to score the winner five minutes from time.

Waverley once again displayed their pedigree, racking up their fifth win on the trot, a 4-0 demolition of a hapless Port Hacking.

Port belied their last place on the ladder during an even first half hour, Michael Smith crashing a free kick against the bar for Waverley in the 22nd minute, while at the other end ace striker Ali Nagi was unlucky when his header hit the post.

The league leaders finally wore down their opposition, Smith heading home the first following a Robbie Jerkovic corner in the 28th minute.

Eddie Tesoro curled home the second in the 56th minute, Paul Harriott beat two defenders down the right before supplying Robbie Jerkovic with a simple tap in, with Jerkovic returning the favour for Harriott's 12th goal of the season in injury time.

Petersham remained unbeaten away from home after rocking Granville's semi final aspirations, with an uninspiring 1-0 win at Garside Park on Sunday.

Neither side managed to take control in a dour struggle, the methodical and physical Petersham against the South American style of Granville.

In the wash up one goal was always going to settle the issue, Petersham striker Nile stealing the ball from the Granville defence to score the winner unchallenged in the 62nd minute.

Alex Aroujo almost grabbed two points for the home side eight minutes from time, but after beating a trail through the defence he was tackled from behind by a desperate defender, and amid cries for justice the referee waved the match out of Granville's grasp.

A splendid hat trick by Mt Druitt striker Craig Smith helped his side to a fine 3-2 win at a severly depleted Auburn Yugal.

Throughout an uneventful opening 35 minutes, neither side showed much imagination until Smtih netted off the post with a fine angled shot from 16 metres after 36 minutes.

Wally Apananian and Tony Perinich went close for Auburn, but the visitors held onto their narrow lead at the break.

Safet Katovik had his effort well saved after combining with Perinich and Paul Pettenon shot over the top from in front as Auburn chased the equaliser early in the second period.

Mt Druitt against the run of play netted their second, Smith again scoring with a sweet shot from outside the box that gave the keeper no chance in the 70th minute.

Finally Auburn prised a goal, Katovik cleverly turning the ball inside from the byline for Steve Wilson to smash home after 72 minutes.

Katovik again found space to provide Perinich with the equaliser in the 79th minute.

Four minutes into injury time the ball swept downfield for Wayne Farnsworth who provided Smith with a perfect cross from the left for the Mt Druitt striker to tap in for his treble and the winner.

A goal eight minutes from time secured maximum points for Dulwich Hill, sending the Central Coast to their fifth loss on the trot, while second last Gladesville had to rely on an own goal in the 42nd minute to upset play off hopefuls Mt Pritchard 1-0.

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE GRADE 1								
North Ryde	15	14	0	1	0	84	7	48
Western Dist	13	10	1	1	1	44	11	33
North Rocks	14	9	2	0	4	42	19	28
Epping East	13	6	0	0	5	38	37	24
Mt Druitt T	13	2	2	0	9	19	52	10
Melita E	15	2	1	0	12	16	65	8
Gladesville R	13	0	0	0	13	11	62	0

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE GRADE 2								
Western Dist	13	11	2	0	0	50	9	37
Epping East	13	11	1	0	1	45	14	35
Gladesville R	13	4	2	1	6	16	30	17
Melita Eagles	15	4	1	3	7	14	31	17
North Rocks	14	3	2	3	6	9	15	15
Mt Druitt T	13	4	1	0	8	11	31	14
North Ryde	15	1	1	3	10	9	34	6

FEDERATION SEVENTH DIV GRADE 1								
Kingsgrove A	10	6	3	0	1	18	8	24
Ashbury SC	9	5	3	0	1	14	9	21
Syd Croteans	10	4	4	0	2	25	16	20
Western Subs	9	6	1	0	2	13	11	20
Salvadorean A	9	4	2	0	3	14	12	16
Marrickville SC	10	4	1	0	5	14	11	14
Club Calabria	9	4	1	0	4	12	10	14
Rockdale Y	10	1	1	0	8	10	29	5
Cobraiea	10	1	0	0	9	7	22	3

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There's gold in the coffers!

TWO pots of gold are waiting for the NSW State League First Division clubs this season.

The first is for $20,000, and goes to the club that collects the premiership, with a further $2,000 to the runner-up.

In the NSW Championship competition, which is the Top Five, the winner becomes worth another $6,000.

All that raises the question as to which club will be the premier, and further which will take the Championship.

Making predictions with five rounds and various deferred games remaining must be regarded as hazardous occupation.

Probably an extremely hazardous one.

But to take a good old Aussie stab is certainly a local habit, so why not give it a go.

After all, what is there to be lost other than a few real friends?

Any crystal ball job in State League is complicated by the fact that there is one point for a scoreless draw and two for a score draw.

Even more chancey is to predict which clubs will field their National Soccer League winter recruits to the end of the Premiership, and to be end of the Championship, and which will lose them.

At this stage we will confine prognostications to the Premiership.

Take it as a sign if you will that the writer, despite all those meaningful calculations, remains not entirely convinced that the Top Five is a laydown misere.

At this stage the crystal ball says that Sutherland Shire will reach 46 points — equal with Blacktown City but with a better goal difference.

Right on their heels will be a revived Canberra Metros on 45, with Canterbury Marrickville (43) and Warringah-Freshwater (40) inside the five and the Championship series.

Sydney Macedonia stands to earn a well-deserved 36; followed by BHP Austral (33), Rockedale Ilinden (31) and Avala 28.

Down below could be Polonia on 22, with Southern District (11) and Manly North Shore (4) pulling up at the rear.

You need not take this as gospel of course.

But, then, maybe you could spare the time to do some calculations and see if you can do better.

Due to the limitations of press closure, the balance of matches below for the 12 First Division clubs include Round 18, set down for July 27/28.

Have a close look at where your club is going, and also the leading contenders.

In accordance with NSW Soccer Federation plans, this season will see a highly competitive Championship series on the go during the month of September. It is something that should not be missed.

All games have been set down for the ground that has the best combination of playing surface and spectator facilities in the League — the Gabbie Stadium at Seven Hills.

The exception is the elimination semi-final match at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda.

Now to the remaining State League fixtures.

AVALA 28: Canterbury (h), Canberra (a), Warringah (h), Sutherland (a), Rockdale (h).

BHP AUSTRAL 33: Blacktown City (h), Southern Dist (h), Southern Dist (a), Canterbury (h), Canberra (a), v Warringah (h).

BLACKTOWN CITY 46: BHP Austral (a), Manly (h), Syd Macedonia (h), Southern Dists (a), Canterbury (h).

CANBERRA METRO 45: Rockdale (a), Avala (h), Polonia (a), BHP Austral (h), Manly (h), Manly (a).

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE 43: Avala (a), Polonia (h), BHP Austral (a), Manly (h), Blacktown City (a).

MANLY NORTH SHORE 4: Polonia (a), Syd Macedonia (h), Blacktown (a), Southern Dist (h), Canterbury (a), Canberra (a), Canberra (h).

POLONIA 22: Manly (h), Southern Dists (h), Canterbury (a), Canberra (h), Warringah (a), Sutherland (h).

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 31: Southern Dist (h), Canberra (h), Warringah (a), Sutherland (h), Sydney Macedonia (a), Avala (a).

SOUTHERN DISTRICT 19: Rcokdale (a), Polonia (h), BHP Austral (a), BHP Austral (h), Rockdale (a), Blacktown (h), Sydney Macedonia (a).

SUTHERLAND SHIRE 46: Warringah (h), Syd Macedonia (a), Rockdale (a), Avala (h), Polonia (a).

SYDNEY MACEDONIA 36: Manly (a), Sutherland (h), Blacktown (a), Rockdale (h), Southern Dist (h).

WARRINGAH-FRESHWATER 40: Sutherland (a), Rockdale (h), Avala (a), Polonia (h), BHP Austral (a).

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A new horizon

THE NSW Soccer Federation has decided to open up new vistas for clubs that are at present outside its ranks.

The idea is to create new competitions and make them available to clubs that are at present playing in local Premier League and similar competitions, thus giving them the chance to lift their standards.

NSW Soccer Federation president Peter Gray and his Board of Directors have decided that they will endeavour to introduce the new system for the 1992 football season.

Mr Gray told Australian British Soccer Weekly: "Our belief is that there are many clubs with two senior teams and often strong junior backing that are really keen to upgrade their standing.

"Years ago we ran competitions for many of them, but some found them too expensive to continue.

"We will now drop the fees to a level which we feel certain will interest both them and the many new clubs who wish to try themselves out in higher company.

"The new competitions should bring a great deal of interest, especially as there is plenty of time for them to discuss the position within their clubs and then submit an early application."

The NSW Soccer Federation last week advertised in ABSW, calling for expressions of interest from clubs that may well want to upgrade to Federation ranks.

The Federation's State League First and Second Divisions consist of clubs which are committed to playing semi-professional football.

The rest, including new clubs, are there to enjoy top quality competitions, and compete at the best standard they can reach.

The NSW Strategic Development Plan sets out schemes to improve playing standards and grounds as well as the public image of the game.

It can be of help to clubs in Federation Leagues as well as the new clubs.

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STATE LEAGUE

ROUND 19

DIVISION 1

SATURDAY AUGUST 3

BHP Austral	v	Southern Districts	Austral Park

SUNDAY AUGUST 4

Southern Districts	v	BHP Austral	Rangers Stadium
Cant/M'ville	v	Polonia	Arlington Oval
Canberra Metro	v	Avala	Deakin Oval
Warringah F/W	v	Rockdale Ilinden	Cromer Park
Sydney Macedonia	v	Sutherland Shire	Jensen Park
Blacktown City	v	Manly Nth Shore	Gabbie Stadium

DIVISION 2

SUNDAY AUGUST 4

Central Coast	v	Waverley	Pluim Park
Petersham	v	Dulwich Hill	Erskineville Oval
Gladesville Hby	v	Granville Chile	Christie Park
Campbelltown	v	Mt Pritchard	Bensley Road
Mt Druitt	v	Cyprus United	Popendetta Park
Port Hacking	v	Auburn Yugal	Seymour Shaw

MATCH TIMES: (unless otherwise stated)
Reserve Grade commences at 12.30pm
First Grade commences at 2.30pm

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See State League action this week!

Victorian Premier League

Results

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Wright) ST ALBANS 1 (Ketsakides), DOVETON 0 BULLEEN 1 (Incantalupo), CROYDON CITY 0 THOMASTOWN 0, OAKLEY 0 ALBION 1 (Freund), GREEN GULLY 0 ALTONA GATE 0, FAWKNER 0 B JUVENTUS 2 (Smith 2), NORTHCOTE CITY v MOOROOLBARK postponed.

Victorian Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bruns.Utd.Juv.	21	13	5	3	38	9	31
Morwell Falcons	21	11	5	5	38	21	27
Bulleen	20	10	7	3	34	20	27
Altona Gate	21	10	6	5	27	20	26
Fawkner	21	8	9	4	25	21	25
Thomastown	21	9	4	8	25	17	22
Green Gully	21	6	10	5	26	25	22
St.Albans	21	6	9	6	30	29	21
Croydon City	21	7	7	7	23	26	21
Albion	20	6	7	7	26	22	19
Oakleigh	21	6	6	9	27	31	18
Northcote City	20	5	4	11	18	36	14
Mooroolbark	20	5	1	14	18	37	11
Doveton	21	0	6	15	7	48	6

MOST EXCITING/PLAYER
VOTES UPDATE

LEADING VOTEGETTERS

10 Gymnopoulos (Nth), Incantalupo (Bull), MacNichol (Juve)
9 Becvinovski (GG), Hodgson (Dove)
7 Smart (GG), Lucchesi (Fawk), A Cassar (MF)

LEADING SCORERS

13 Becvinovski (GG)
12 Pondeljak (StA)
11 Pappas (Bull)
8 Goutzioulis (Oak), Smith (Juve)

VIC SENIORS

STATE LEAGUE DIV ONE

Knox City	21	13	5	3	55	17	31
North Geelong	21	13	5	3	46	14	31
Springvale City	22	14	3	5	40	18	31
Caulfield City	21	9	7	5	27	22	25
Frankston Pines	20	9	5	6	25	28	23
Westgate	20	9	4	7	27	24	22
Werribee	22	7	8	7	21	23	22
Western Subs.	19	5	9	5	25	24	19
Ringwood City	21	5	8	8	22	27	18
Essendon City	21	6	5	10	20	34	17
Bell Park	20	6	4	10	22	30	16
Mordialloc	22	5	6	11	22	38	16
Box Hill	21	6	3	12	20	43	15
Melbourne City	21	4	6	11	25	38	14
Port Melbourne	22	3	8	11	18	35	14

STATE LEAGUE DIV ONE RESERVES

Melbourne City	19	12	4	3	42	19	28
Springvale City	20	11	4	5	40	25	26
Caulfield City	19	11	3	5	36	27	25
Port Melbourne	21	10	5	6	37	33	25
Bell Park	18	9	6	3	41	26	24
Knox City	19	11	2	6	48	35	24
North Geelong	20	8	7	5	34	21	23
Ringwood City	19	8	5	6	29	18	21
Werribee	21	8	4	9	23	30	20
Box Hill	20	6	4	10	26	29	16
Western Subs.	19	6	3	10	25	36	15
Frankston Pines	20	5	3	12	29	54	13
Essendon City	18	3	6	9	23	42	12
Westgate	20	3	5	12	24	57	11
Mordialloc	19	3	3	13	21	35	9

STATE LEAGUE DIV TWO

Richmond	21	18	2	1	47	13	38
Altona City	22	13	6	3	42	24	32
Broadmeadows	23	10	7	6	35	28	27
Chelsea	23	11	4	8	41	30	26
Doncast.Rovers	23	8	9	6	36	29	25
Bentleigh Green	23	11	3	9	45	45	25
Keilor	21	8	7	6	34	30	23
Sunbury Utd.	22	8	6	8	26	27	22
Waverley City	23	9	3	11	37	40	21
Clifton Hill	22	7	6	9	31	25	20
Nunawad.City	22	8	3	11	32	35	19
Sandringham	22	7	4	11	41	41	18
Geelong	23	7	3	13	23	47	17
Dandenong	23	4	8	11	31	40	16
Suns.Heights po	22	5	5	12	20	52	14
Brighton	23	4	6	13	21	36	14

STATE LEAGUE DIV TWO RESERVES

Clifton Hill	21	16	4	1	54	21	36
Keilor	21	13	4	4	52	21	30
Richmond	21	13	3	5	53	34	29
Altona City	21	11	6	4	57	28	28
Doncast.Rovers	23	12	4	7	47	35	28
Suns.Heights po	22	9	6	7	41	35	24
Brighton	23	8	7	8	32	35	23
Broadmeadows	21	6	10	5	37	33	22
Chelsea	23	6	10	7	45	55	22
Sunbury Utd.	23	8	5	10	28	40	21
Dandenong	23	6	8	9	25	33	20
Waverley City	23	9	1	13	39	47	19
Nunawad. City	23	6	3	14	36	45	15
Bentleigh Green	22	5	5	12	38	53	15
Sandringham	21	3	6	12	33	50	12
Geelong	23	3	4	16	22	56	10

STATE LEAGUE DIV THREE

Oakleigh Subs.	21	13	5	3	33	14	31
Clayton	20	11	8	1	41	22	30
East Bruns Ivan	21	12	4	5	43	21	28
Seaford Utd.	20	12	1	7	37	27	25
Et.Diam. Valley	20	8	8	4	33	22	24
Corio Geelong	21	10	4	7	25	23	24
Clarinda	21	7	8	6	25	20	22
Moorabbin City	21	6	9	6	23	23	21
Lalor Utd.	20	8	2	10	28	27	18
Springvale Utd.	21	5	8	8	20	28	18
Fitzroy City	21	6	4	11	24	45	16
More.P.R.Coburg	21	6	3	12	23	47	15
Holland Park	21	3	5	13	26	34	11
Heidelberg City	21	1	5	15	13	41	7

STATE LEAGUE DIV THREE RESERVES

Seaford United	21	16	4	1	57	16	36
East Bruns Ivan	21	9	8	4	41	25	26
Lalor Utd.	20	9	8	3	25	12	26
Clayton	21	9	8	4	36	27	26
Moorabbin City	21	9	7	5	36	24	25
Fitzroy City	20	8	6	6	32	20	22
Oakleigh Subs.	21	8	6	7	28	28	22
More.P.R.Coburg	21	9	3	9	47	36	21
Et.Diam. Valley	20	6	8	6	32	34	20
Clarinda	20	6	7	7	29	33	19
Springvale Utd.	21	7	5	9	33	38	19
Holland Park	21	4	3	14	20	31	11
Corio Geelong	21	4	3	14	21	51	11
Heidelberg City	21	2	2	17	17	70	6

STATE LEAGUE DIV FOUR

Regent	19	12	5	2	41	16	29
Sth Dandenong	19	12	5	2	35	12	29
Cranbourne	19	8	8	3	22	16	24
Keringal Utd.	19	10	4	5	24	23	24
Mornington	20	8	7	5	30	31	23
Yarraville	20	7	6	7	32	32	20
Pascoe Vale	18	7	6	5	29	30	20
Rosanna	19	7	2	10	32	20	16
Langwarrin	20	5	6	9	18	24	16
Hawt.Citizens	19	5	4	10	28	31	14
Boronia	20	4	5	11	23	37	13
Hamlyn Rangers	19	5	3	11	21	35	13
Spring.Condors	19	3	3	13	16	36	9

STATE LEAGUE DIV FOUR RESERVES

Langwarrin	19	11	6	2	34	16	28
Pascoe Vale	18	13	1	4	41	16	27
Sth.Dandenong	18	12	3	3	53	30	27
Regent	19	12	1	6	35	21	25
Spring.Condors	16	9	3	4	38	25	21
Keringal Utd.	19	9	3	7	30	30	21
Cranbourne	19	9	2	8	37	25	20
Boronia	19	7	5	7	28	28	19
Rosanna	20	6	4	10	30	35	16
Hawt.Citizens	18	7	2	9	35	44	16
Hamlyn Rangers	19	3	5	11	21	42	11
Yarraville	18	2	3	13	23	44	7
Mornington	19	1	0	18	24	75	2

VIC PROV ONE FIRSTS

Sth.Springvale	18	11	5	2	30	15	27
Brunswick City	18	11	4	3	38	22	26
Sth. Werribee	18	11	3	4	37	23	25
Westvale	19	10	2	7	38	25	22
Frankston Utd.	19	9	3	7	34	27	21
Melton	17	9	3	5	31	25	21
Altona East	18	6	6	7	20	25	18
Malvern City	18	7	3	8	24	25	17
Berwick City	19	5	5	9	32	34	15
Forest Hill	19	5	5	9	33	38	15
Yallourn	19	3	8	8	20	35	14
North Sunshine	18	5	4	9	21	33	14
Knox Park	19	3	6	10	20	40	12
Williamstown	18	1	9	8	16	31	11

VIC PROV ONE RESERVES

Sth.Springvale	19	13	6	0	56	16	32
Malvern City	19	11	5	3	40	27	27
Frankston Utd.	19	10	4	5	20	15	24
South Werribee	19	9	5	5	41	28	23
Berwick City	19	5	11	3	30	21	21
Melton	19	4	11	4	24	21	19
Brunswick City	19	6	6	7	28	26	18
Williamstown	19	6	5	8	33	28	17
North Sunshine	19	5	7	7	24	29	17
Knox Park	18	4	9	5	19	30	17
Forest Hill	18	6	4	8	30	37	16
Westvale	19	5	5	9	28	42	15
Altona East	19	2	6	11	14	45	10
Yallourn	19	1	6	12	7	56	8

VIC PROV TWO FIRSTS

Hoppers Crossin	16	10	6	0	25	8	26
Lalor	16	11	3	2	46	22	25
Ballarat	17	10	3	4	30	21	23
Brandon Park	16	11	1	4	25	16	23
East Geelong	17	8	6	3	35	18	22
Montone Utd.	18	9	3	6	32	29	21
Lyndale Utd.	19	9	1	9	29	26	19
Keysborough	18	5	8	5	25	27	18
Nth Glenroy st.	17	5	3	9	22	24	13
Uni.of Melb.	17	5	3	9	32	35	13
Eastern Park Br	18	3	2	13	23	41	8
Wantirna	17	3	2	12	18	42	8
Meadow Park	17	0	5	12	12	43	5

VIC PROV TWO RESERVES

Ballarat	17	12	2	3	39	14	26
Hoppers Crossin	16	11	2	3	35	12	24
Nth. Glenroy st.	17	9	5	3	40	17	23
Lyndale Utd.	15	9	2	4	31	16	20
Brandon Park	17	7	4	6	29	33	18
Lalor	13	7	3	3	36	15	17
Uni.of Melb.	17	7	3	7	39	26	17
Meadow Park	15	5	6	4	25	23	16
Eastern Park Br	18	4	5	9	18	40	13
Montone Utd.	17	3	6	8	20	43	12
Wantirna	16	4	3	9	17	31	11
East Geelong	16	3	4	9	16	27	10
Keysborough	18	0	5	13	7	52	5

VIC PROV THREE FIRSTS

Kew Eagles	18	12	2	4	39	23	26
East Richmond	18	9	7	2	30	12	25
Mitcham Utd.	18	10	5	3	32	18	25
Hampton Park	19	9	7	3	36	23	25
Glenroy	19	10	4	5	38	23	24
Moobulk	19	9	6	4	33	23	24
Monash Uni.	19	8	6	5	42	33	22
Batman Utd.	19	4	10	5	24	37	18
Sth. Yarra	18	5	5	8	30	27	15
Waverley Utd.	18	5	4	9	21	36	14
St.Kilda	19	4	6	9	21	37	14
Carrum Utd.	19	3	7	9	16	31	13
Ringwood Rovs.	18	3	2	13	20	42	8
Port Utd.	19	3	1	15	23	57	7

VIC PROV THREE RESERVES

Hampton Park	19	15	2	2	73	17	32
Glenroy	19	14	2	3	81	25	30
Moobulk	17	12	3	2	46	15	27
South Yarra	18	11	4	3	41	25	26
East Richmond	16	10	4	2	39	23	24
Kew Eagles	18	7	7	4	35	35	21
Mitcham Utd.	19	7	6	6	35	28	20
Monash Uni.	19	8	3	8	53	28	19
Carrum Utd.	18	5	5	8	32	47	15
Batman Utd.	18	4	2	12	35	53	10
Ringwood Rovs.	19	3	3	13	22	72	9
Port Utd.	18	1	5	12	13	49	7
St.Kilda	17	2	3	12	16	67	7
Waverley United	17	2	1	14	23	59	5

VIC PROV FOUR FIRSTS

Malvern Lemnos	16	10	4	2	38	16	24
Sth. Want.Cretan	15	10	3	2	45	18	23
Keilor Utd.	17	8	5	4	29	20	21
Old Scotch	15	8	4	3	36	19	20
Riversdale	16	8	1	7	32	32	17
Wav. Wanderers	16	7	3	6	25	31	17
Diggers Rest	16	6	4	6	29	27	16
Sunshine Park	16	5	5	6	34	36	15
Latrobe Uni.	15	3	7	5	16	21	13
East Kew	16	4	4	8	20	32	12
Collingwood	14	3	4	7	17	27	10
Beaumaris	17	3	4	10	21	43	10
Oakleigh Utd.	15	2	2	11	18	45	6

VIC PROV FOUR RESERVES

Old Scotch	15	11	3	1	46	15	25
Collingwood	13	10	2	1	34	16	22
Malvern Lemnos	16	9	3	4	50	24	21
Sth. Want.Cretan	14	10	1	3	40	17	21
Sunshine Park	16	7	3	6	35	27	17
Diggers Rest	16	7	3	6	26	26	17
Riversdale	16	5	4	7	23	36	14
East Kew	14	5	3	6	24	28	13
Wav. Wanderers	16	4	5	7	25	32	13
Beaumaris	17	3	4	10	25	50	10
Latrobe Uni	15	2	5	8	17	31	9
Keilor Utd.	16	2	4	10	30	55	8
Oakleigh Utd.	14	2	4	8	24	51	8

VIC PROV FIVE FIRSTS

Upfield	17	16	0	1	56	16	32
Melb Uni.	14	11	1	2	51	19	23
Balwyn City	15	10	1	4	40	28	21
Endeav.Hills	15	9	3	3	37	22	21
Doncaster Inter.	14	6	4	4	25	20	16
Broad.Utd.	15	6	2	7	31	34	14
R.M.I.T.	16	5	4	7	24	45	14
Alb.Pk Maccabi	15	5	3	7	19	25	13
Northern Utd.	16	5	3	8	24	31	13
Diamond Valley	16	5	1	10	25	34	11
Th.Dury Furlan	15	3	4	8	30	39	10
CamGramOBoys	14	1	3	10	16	38	5
Epping Concordia	15	1	3	11	19	52	5

VIC PROV FIVE RESERVES

Upfield	16	13	2	1	43	14	28
Th.Dury Furlan	15	8	5	2	37	16	21
Melb.Uni	14	9	3	2	30	16	21
Broad.Utd.	13	9	1	3	47	17	19
CamGramOBoys	15	8	1	6	27	18	17
Balwyn City	15	7	3	5	24	25	17
Alb.Pk Maccabi	15	6	2	7	26	29	14
R.M.I.T.	17	6	1	10	35	46	13
Diamond Valley	16	6	1	9	31	48	13
Endeav.Hills	13	5	2	6	27	25	12
Northern Utd.	16	3	2	11	14	43	8
Doncast.Inter	14	2	3	9	18	30	7
Epping Concordia	15	1	2	12	10	50	4

PREMIER LEAGUE RESERVES

Altona Gate	20	15	4	1	63	8	34
Morwell Falcons	21	15	4	2	57	16	34
Bulleen	21	10	8	3	41	20	28
Thomastown	21	10	3	8	35	28	23
Croydon City	21	8	7	6	26	30	23
Fawkner	20	7	8	5	27	26	22
Green Gully	21	8	6	7	26	29	22
Bruns.Utd.Juv.	19	6	7	6	27	20	19
Northcote City	20	7	4	9	36	51	18
St.Albans	21	4	8	9	15	25	16
Albion	21	2	9	10	26	44	13
Oakleigh	21	4	5	12	29	56	13
Doveton	21	4	4	13	24	43	12
Mooroolbark	20	3	5	12	23	43	11

SOCCER FEDERATION N-S-W

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

Waverley	18	11	5	0	2	35	18	43
Petersham	18	8	5	1	4	27	19	35
Cyprus Utd	18	8	5	1	4	30	24	35
Dulwich Hill	18	8	5	1	4	25	20	35
Gran Chile	18	7	3	3	5	23	21	30
Mt Pritchard	18	6	6	0	6	25	27	30
Camp'town	17	6	5	1	5	23	20	29
Auburn Y.	18	6	3	2	7	29	23	26
Mt Druitt	18	6	3	0	9	29	34	24
Central Coast	18	5	1	2	10	18	22	19
Gl'ville Hnsby	17	5	1	1	10	17	27	18
Pt Hacking	18	3	2	0	13	24	50	13

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 2

Cyprus Utd	18	14	2	1	1	42	15	47
Dulwich Hill	18	9	7	1	1	40	21	42
Auburn Y.	18	8	7	0	3	34	23	38
Pt Hacking	18	8	7	0	3	34	26	38
Mt Pritchard	18	8	4	1	5	26	22	33
Gl'ville H	18	7	3	1	7	30	26	28
Waverley	18	7	3	0	8	27	24	27
Central Coast	18	3	6	2	7	20	33	23
G'ville Chile	18	4	5	0	9	26	42	22
Petersham	18	4	4	0	10	21	26	20
Camp'town	18	4	3	0	11	31	46	18
Mt Druitt	18	2	3	0	13	16	43	12

FEDERATION LEAGUE 3 GRADE 1

Lemnos A'S	18	10	3	3	2	30	10	39
Belmore Herc	18	10	3	0	5	42	21	36
West Wand's	17	10	2	2	3	26	14	36
North Ryde	17	6	6	1	4	29	21	31
Bathurst '75	18	5	5	5	3	20	15	30
Uni of NSW	18	7	3	2	6	23	26	29
Hills United	17	7	2	2	6	23	20	27
Bankstown	18	6	3	0	9	24	27	24
Rosebery Pt	18	7	0	3	8	20	24	24
C'bury & Dist.	17	2	4	3	8	17	33	17
Orange W'tah	18	3	2	3	10	21	36	16
Arncliffe	18	2	1	4	11	12	40	12

FEDERATION LEAGUE 3 GRADE 2

Hills United	18	12	2	0	4	37	11	40
West Wand's	18	11	1	1	5	35	20	36
Bankstown	18	10	2	0	6	37	31	34
Bathurst '75	18	10	1	2	5	20	17	34
Lemnos All	18	8	2	4	4	28	17	32
C'bury & Dist.	17	8	1	0	8	24	21	26
Rosebery Pt	18	6	3	2	7	23	26	26
Belmore Herc	18	5	4	1	8	21	30	24
North Ryde	17	6	2	1	8	22	26	23
Arncliffe	18	6	2	1	9	17	29	23
Orange W'tah	18	4	2	1	11	23	36	17
Uni of NSW	18	2	2	1	13	17	40	11

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 1

Western Dist.	17	10	6	0	1	42	23	42
Concord Jnr	18	12	1	1	4	26	15	39
Colo Colo	17	11	1	0	5	28	23	35
SSC Zagreb	18	9	3	1	5	28	21	34
Trasandinos	18	7	5	0	6	35	29	31
Spanish Club	18	7	3	3	5	21	20	30
Prospect Utd	19	7	3	1	8	22	23	28
Nineveh Eag	17	5	4	3	5	17	18	26
Hawkesbury	16	6	3	0	7	29	28	24
Penrith	17	2	4	1	10	16	28	15
Hajduk Rang	19	3	2	0	14	25	37	13
Rooty Hill	16	2	3	0	11	9	33	12

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 2

SSC Zagreb	18	11	5	0	2	48	25	43
Concord Jun.	18	9	5	0	4	33	20	37
Penrith	17	10	2	0	5	43	26	34
Colo Colo	17	9	3	0	5	42	31	33
Western Dist.	17	7	4	0	6	39	31	29
Hawkesbury	16	8	2	0	6	30	21	28
Spanish Club	18	6	4	1	7	27	32	27
Nineveh Eag	17	6	3	1	7	28	32	25
Trasandinos	18	6	3	1	8	25	37	25
Hajduk Rang	19	5	2	1	11	21	34	20
Prospect Utd	19	6	1	0	12	34	57	20
Rooty Hill	16	1	4	0	11	19	43	11

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 1

Alexander	18	11	3	2	2	35	15	41
Pwd Botany	17	11	3	0	3	47	15	39
Sport Peru	16	11	2	0	3	39	23	37
Fogolar Furl	18	8	5	1	4	31	24	35
GNS United	18	9	1	2	6	29	25	31
Sydney Uni	17	7	2	0	8	30	31	25
Abruzzi	16	6	3	1	6	21	23	25
CSI Schofield	18	6	2	1	9	19	30	23
Macquarie U	17	5	3	0	9	25	30	21
Lithgow W.	17	5	3	0	9	15	28	21
Ashour Star	18	2	3	0	13	20	46	12
Chile Sports	16	2	2	1	11	17	38	11

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 2

P'wood Bot	18	13	3	0	2	46	17	45
GNS Utd	18	13	2	0	3	45	13	43
Abruzzi	17	10	1	0	6	32	22	32
Sport Peru	17	9	2	1	5	32	23	32
Fogolar Furl	18	10	1	0	7	34	33	32
Sydney Uni	17	9	1	1	6	42	24	30
M'quarie Uni	17	6	4	0	7	26	25	26
CSI Schof's	18	4	6	1	7	23	31	25
Lithgow W	17	3	6	1	7	21	32	22
Alexander	18	6	1	0	11	21	41	20
Ashour Star	18	4	3	2	9	17	38	20
Chile Sports	17	0	0	0	17	6	46	0

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GRADE 1

Balmain	15	11	2	1	1	35	18	38
Springwood	14	9	1	1	3	28	17	30
Pontian Eag	15	4	6	1	4	31	28	25
New W'come	15	5	4	0	6	24	25	23
Liverpool City	15	5	4	0	6	29	33	23
Greystanes	14	4	3	2	5	21	21	20
G'ville Utd	14	5	2	0	7	30	35	19
St Josephs	14	3	5	0	6	17	23	19
Maccabi Hak	14	3	4	0	7	23	28	17
Fairfield Eag	14	4	1	1	8	15	25	15

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GRADE 2

New W'come	15	8	2	1	4	31	23	29
Maccabi Hak	14	7	3	1	3	26	14	28
Liverpool City	15	7	3	1	4	28	17	28
Balmain	15	6	4	2	3	19	19	28
St Josephs	14	6	2	3	3	18	12	25
Springwood	14	5	4	1	4	19	17	24
Pontian Eagles	15	4	4	0	7	19	26	20
Fairfield Eagles	14	4	3	1	6	18	21	19
Greystanes	14	3	1	1	9	14	24	12
Gladesville	14	3	1	1	9	14	24	12

STATE LEAGUE: FIRST DIVISION

BHP Austral v Blacktown City	1-0	0-1
Rockdale Ilinden v Southern Dist	0-0	2-1
Polonia v Southern Dist	0-1	2-2
Avala v Canterbury M'ville	1-1	1-1
Rockdale Ilinden v Canberra Metro	2-0	0-1
Sutherland Shire v Warringah F/water	1-1	1-1
Manly Nth Shore v Sydney Macedonia	2-0	1-2

STATE LEAGUE: SECOND DIVISION

Campbelltown v Gladesville Hby		1-5
Dulwich Hill v Central Coast	1-0	1-1
Granville Chile v Petersham	0-1	2-1
Mt Pritchard v Gladesville Hby	0-1	3-0
Cyprus Utd v Campbelltown	3-2	7-1
Waverley v Pt Hacking	4-0	1-3
Auburn Yugal v Mt Druitt Town	2-3	2-0

STATE LEAGUE: THIRD DIVISION

North Ryde v Lemnos Allstars	1-1	3-3
Bathurst '75 v Arncliffe	2-1	1-1
Bankstown v Orange Waratah	3-2	3-0
Belmore Hercules v Rosebery Port	1-2	3-4
Hills Utd v Canterbury Dist	2-0	0-1
Uni of NSW v West Wanderers	1-0	0-2

FEDERATION LEAGUE FOURTH

Hajduk Rangers v Prospect Utd	1-2	0-3
Nineveh Eagles v Concord Jnrs	0-0	1-2
Hajduk Rangers v Colo Colo	0-3	3-2
Spanish Club v SSC Zagreb	0-1	0-2
Hawkesbury Dist v Trasandinos	3-2	0-1
Rooty Hill v Prospect Utd	0-2	0-3
Western Dist v Penrith	2-2	2-1

FEDERATION LEAGUE FIFTH

Sydney Uni v Sporting Peru	1-4	3-1
Macquarie Uni v Chile Sports	1-2	1-0
Lithgow Workmen v Ashour Star	1-0	0-0
CSI Schofields v Alexander	0-4	3-1
GNS United v Abruzzi	1-4	2-0
Pagewood Botany v Fogolar Furlan	6-0	7-0

FEDERATION LEAGUE SIXTH

Maccabi Hakoah v Springwood	1-2	2-2
Balmain v New Welcome	2-0	3-2
Fairfield Eagles v Maccabi Hakoah	0-1	1-0
Gladesville Utd v Liverpool City	3-1	0-5
Springwood v Greystanes	3-2	1-3
St Josephs v Pontian Eagles	2-2	1-0

FEDERATION LEAGUE SEVENTH

Ashbury v Kingsgrove Apollo	1-3	1-2
Ashbury v Rockdale Youth	3-1	0-13
Club Calabria v Kingsgrove	6-0	2-2
Sydney Cretans v Salvadorean	1-0	3-2

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE

Mt Druitt v North Ryde	2-7	2-0
Epping Eastwood v Melita Eagles	5-1	2-2
North Rocks v Western Dist	1-5	2-2

NSW State League Div 1

1ST GRADE

	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sutherland	18	11	3	1	3	35	12	40
Rockdale Ilinden	18	9	3	2	4	23	15	35
Blacktown City	18	7	6	1	4	22	15	34
Warringah F/water	18	8	4	1	5	24	17	33
Canterbury M'ville	18	6	6	3	3	20	14	33
Canberra Metro	17	8	3	2	4	25	18	32
BHP Austral	17	7	3	2	5	22	16	29
Sydney Macedonia	18	7	4	0	7	28	25	29
Avala	18	4	7	1	6	22	24	27
Southern District	17	3	2	2	10	14	29	15
Polonia	17	4	0	1	12	13	31	13
Manly-Nth Shore	16	1	1	2	12	7	39	7

UNDER 19

	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City	18	11	5	1	1	36	16	44
Canberra Metro	17	9	6	1	1	30	16	40
Sutherland Shire	18	10	3	0	5	28	23	36
BHP Austral	16	10	2	0	4	38	22	34
Warringah F/water	18	5	7	1	5	20	17	30
Polonia	17	6	4	1	6	24	26	27
Sydney Macedonia	17	5	5	1	6	30	32	26
Rockdale Ilinden	18	6	4	0	8	27	34	26
Avala	18	3	6	1	8	19	26	22
Southern District	17	3	5	0	9	23	42	19
Manly-Nth Shore	16	3	4	0	9	21	34	17
Canterbury M'ville	18	3	3	0	12	27	35	15

UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 20
SATURDAY JULY 27

			U13	U14	U15	U17
DIVISION 1						
Marconi	v	St George	1-0	0-4	1-2	3-1
Blacktown City	v	Sydney Olympic	2-0	3-2	3-0	1-4
Melita	v	Nepean	1-1	0-1	0-0	2-0
Macarthur	v	Sthn Districts	0-4	3-1	0-3	1-3
Sutherand	v	Apia	1-1	1-1	2-4	1-2
Gladesville	v	Croatia	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-3
DIVISION 2a						
Warringah	v	Central Coast	0-2	2-5	1-1	2-1
Granville	v	Manly	0-4	2-0	3-0	2-1
Macquaurie City	v	Polonia	1-3	0-0	4-0	2-1
Ku-Ring-Gai	v	Avala	5-1	1-0	2-5	1-1
DIVISION 2b						
Canterbury	**v**	**Sthn & Eastern**	**3-0**	**0-1**	**0-2**	**0-4**
Sthn Branch	**v**	**Rockdale**	**5-0**	**2-1**	**0-1**	**0-8**
Bankstown	**v**	**Cant/M'ville**	**4-1**	**3-0**	**4-0**	**0-1**
Blacktown	**v**	**Illawarra**	**0-3**	**2-1**	**0-2**	**0-2**

QUEENSLAND DIV 1 & 2

XXXX LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bris Lions	18	12	4	2	31	17	40
Rochedale R.	17	11	1	5	41	21	34
Pine Rivers	17	9	2	6	39	20	29
North Star	18	7	8	3	35	27	29
Bris Croatia	18	9	2	7	29	23	29
Eastern Subs	17	8	3	6	23	18	27
Mt Gravatt	18	5	7	6	25	26	22
Coalstars	17	5	7	5	16	19	22
Brisbane City	17	4	4	9	18	31	16
Taringa Rovs	18	4	4	10	20	36	16
Acacia Ridge	18	4	2	12	15	42	14
Nerang	17	2	6	9	14	26	12

XXXX RESERVE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bris Lions	18	15	1	2	62	17	46
Mt Gravatt	18	11	5	2	36	12	38
North Star	18	12	1	5	37	27	37
Coalstars	18	8	4	6	36	23	28
Taringa Rovs	18	8	2	8	26	33	26
Pine Rivers	18	6	5	7	40	33	23
Bris Croatia	18	7	2	9	29	33	23
Nerang	18	7	2	9	25	37	23
Acacia Ridge	18	5	4	9	22	33	19
Rochedale Rovs	17	3	5	9	17	28	14
Brisbane City	17	3	5	9	15	36	14
Eastern Subs	18	2	4	12	19	52	10

XXXX COLTS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Star	17	13	2	2	34	17	41
Brisbane City	17	10	4	3	30	16	34
Bris Lions	18	8	6	4	37	22	30
Taringa Rovs	17	8	5	4	39	24	29
Eastern Subs	18	9	2	7	34	26	29
Mt Gravatt	17	9	2	6	21	16	29
Pine Rivers	17	6	4	7	31	21	22
Nerang	17	6	3	8	22	36	21
Bris Croatia	17	6	3	8	25	43	21
Acacia Ridge	18	4	4	10	19	37	16
Rochedale Rovs	18	2	7	9	21	25	13
Coalstars	17	2	0	15	18	48	6

XXXX THIRD	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochedale Rovs	18	15	0	3	47	18	45
Coalstars	18	11	2	5	48	31	35
Taringa Rovs	18	10	3	5	44	30	33
North Star	18	10	3	5	41	29	33
Acacia Ridge	18	9	3	6	41	28	30
Bris Lions	18	9	2	7	41	31	29
Mt Gravatt	18	6	5	7	42	35	23
Bris Croatia	18	7	1	10	34	37	22
Eastern Subs	18	6	1	11	40	47	19
Nerang	18	6	0	12	28	43	18
Pine Rivers	18	5	3	10	21	40	18
Brisbane City	18	1	3	14	18	78	6

XXXX TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grange This	17	11	3	3	42	17	36
Inala City	18	9	3	6	41	32	30
Olympic	18	8	5	5	35	21	29
Willowburn	18	8	5	5	29	23	29
The Gap	18	9	2	7	21	20	29
Lutwyche	18	8	4	6	29	25	28
St Albans	18	8	2	8	34	31	26
Wynnum	17	7	4	6	24	26	25
Newmarket	18	7	2	9	36	48	23
St Helens	18	5	4	9	22	25	19
Annerley	18	5	2	11	20	29	17
Goodna	18	3	2	13	17	53	11

XXXX TWO RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Inala City	18	14	2	2	55	16	44
St Helens	18	11	4	3	37	21	37
The Gap	18	10	2	6	31	28	32
Grange This	17	9	4	4	38	16	31
Lutwyche	18	7	6	5	38	28	27
Willowburn	18	8	3	7	33	33	27
Goodna	18	6	3	9	18	23	21
Newmarket	18	5	5	8	28	37	20
Olympic	18	5	4	9	28	41	19
Wynnum	17	3	4	10	17	37	13
St Albans	18	2	2	14	11	52	8

TWO COLTS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olympic	18	13	3	2	47	14	42
Goodna	18	11	3	4	43	21	36
St Albans	18	11	3	4	37	24	36
The Gap	18	10	1	7	31	31	31
St Helens	18	9	3	6	38	27	30
Wynnum	18	9	2	7	35	20	29
Grange This	18	7	3	8	30	25	24
Newmarket	18	7	2	9	34	35	23
Lutwyche	18	6	4	8	28	32	22
Inala City	18	4	4	10	22	43	16
Annerley	17	2	2	13	16	51	8
Willowburn	17	2	2	13	13	51	8

THREE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slacks Ck	18	12	5	1	45	15	41
Mitchelton	18	13	2	3	43	20	41
South Utd	18	9	6	3	36	23	33
Latrobe Vall	18	9	3	6	31	25	30
Redlands	17	8	2	7	31	27	26
Logan City K	18	7	4	7	31	32	25
Capalaba	17	7	2	8	25	27	23
Redcliffe	18	7	2	9	26	29	23
Darra Utd	18	6	3	9	24	31	21
Beenleigh	18	6	1	11	35	30	19
Albany Ck	18	3	8	7	20	28	17
Brothers	18	0	2	16	15	75	2

THREE RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slacks Ck	18	17	0	1	53	9	51
Mitchelton	18	11	3	4	42	18	36
Redlands	17	11	1	5	34	23	34
Latrobe Vall	18	10	3	5	37	19	33
Logan City K	18	9	5	4	46	25	32
Albany Ck	18	7	5	6	34	24	26
Capalaba	17	7	4	6	28	28	25
South United	18	6	3	9	26	31	21
Beenleigh	18	5	4	9	30	31	19
Redcliffe	18	4	3	11	24	31	15
Darra Utd	18	2	5	11	33	48	11
Brothers	18	0	0	18	11	113	0

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Hand of God

OAKLEIGH 0
ALBION 1

BY CON STAVROS

IT TOOK THE hand of a lesser god to settle the clash between Oakleigh and Albion at Caloola Reserve on Sunday.

A fourth minute cross by Albion's Les Carter eluded the Oakleigh defenders and fell to Andrew Freund whose Maradona inspired punch managed to send the ball trickling over the goal-line to deceive referee Barry Grant.

Oakleigh coach Cedo Cirkovic was dismayed by the referee's inaction and other controversial moments throughout the rugged encounter and clashed verbally with Grant at the end of proceedings.

Albion, however were worthy recipients of the two points, playing valiant and rugged soccer particularly in the final 20 minutes after defender Robert Butrakoski was dismissed for a second yellow card offence.

Surprisingly, Angie Goutzioulis fronted again for the Oaks started splendidly in the first period but after the interval he faded and Albion's Scott Patterson began to dominate in his wide-midfield role.

Oakleigh, certainly had their chances to earn a valuable point and stave off the looming relegation battle with the improving Northcote outfit, but failed to find the necessary accuracy in front of goal.

Albion player-manager Bobby Russell expressed overall happiness with his charges performance and must be looking forward to the up-coming mid-week encounter with Bulleen.

OAKLEIGH: Alexandropoulos, Gourlias, Vaglas, Halford, Haldaris, Leonardos, Goutzioulis, Lujic, Zemunik, Bitsonis (Stefanou), Aretis.

ALBION: Toth, James, Russell, Butrakoski, Grimaud, Carter, Douglas, Macleod, Freund, Patterson, White.

VOTES: J.Leonardos (Oaks)-1
S.Patterson (Albion) - 2

The yellow peril strikes

FAWKNER 0
JUVENTUS 2

BY TONY ABATE

A LARGE CROWD assembled to watch Juventus defeat Fawkner Azzurri 2-0 in which referee John Santa-Isabel became the most domineering figure on the park as he handed out no less than eight yellow cards in a game where tempers were easily fuelled.

With the game being monopolised with a host of futile balls being pumped forward, Reno Minichiello became the target of some unnecessary punishment which resulted in Roy Walsh, Tony Schipano and Robert Tombolato being reprimanded by the referee.

Thirty-six minutes into the game, Juve replied the best way possible when Brian MacNichol found space on the left flank to spear a pass to Steve Smith who had no trouble tucking his shot away at the right post.

After the re-start, Fawkner took the field in a more determined state of mind, however, the inability to capitalise on forged opportunities was fully illustrated in the 60th minute when Tombolato could only hit a shot straight at Peter Laumets even though having a clear sight of goal.

Eight minutes later Smith poached a confident sapping goal when he converted a simple header from a Steve Marley free-kick taken on the right flank.

On the stroke of full-time, controversy enshrined the match when Marley was sent-off for dissent and Frank Sabatino was given the yellow card after Laumets gave away an indirect free-kick which the Azzurri's could not capitalise on.

FAWKNER: Anastasiadis, Walsh, Tombolato, Schipano, Vlatkovic (Matic), Wilson, Lucchesi, Hanna, McBride, Retre, Emmanuelle.

JUVENTUS: Laumets, Marley, Corvan, Doyle, Della Rocca, Ferla, MacNichol, Sabatino, Smith, Minichiello, De Amicis.

VOTES: C.Lucchesi (Fawks) - 1
S.Marley (Juve) - 1

Murph tragedy

CROYDON 0
THOMASTOWN 0

BY SHAUN ASHTON

THOMASTOWN and Croydon had little to play for which was reflected by the lack-lustre performance ending 0-0, and all supporters at the ground probably saw the last of Thomastown coach Ken Murphy as a player after he was stretchered off the park with a broken leg.

With Gerry McAleer having a quiet day and former Socceroo legend Murphy off the field Thomastown's fortunes were left in the hands of speedy Louis Bekiaris who often troubled Croydon's experienced back-line with his speed and agility.

Through their midfield work-horse Stuart McArthur, Croydon pushed forward with little imagination and many free-kicks given away they were never going to be a serious threat to the scoresheet.

After the break both sides continued to produce the same poor quality football with only Archie McGeachy and Con Opasinis making any effort to break the deadlock both players provided good support to the Croydon forward-line but Thomastown's tight defence reigned supreme.

With Croydon's home record in tatters, coach Ian Dobson conceded after the game, New players have to be brought in who can play on this ground, as for the match it was a typical end-of-season affair which no one deserved to win. he said.

CROYDON: Runje, Lennon, Nolan (Opasinis), Brack, Brown, Dobson, McGeachy, McArthur, Humble, Klepac, Field (McCabe).

THOMASTOWN: Brian, Mihos, De Propertis, Karic, Di Martino, Mihailidis, Cristaldo, Murphy (Tsangas), Cocker, Bekiaris, McAleer.

VOTES: A.McGeachy (Croyd) - 1
L.Bekiaris (Thomas) - 1

Fabulous!

DOVETON 0
BULLEEN 1

BY PETER SIOMOS

A LAST MINUTE goal by fabulous Fab Incantalupo saved Bulleen's blushes against winless cellar-dwellar Doveton to record a fortunate victory and keep its title-hopes alive, albeit by the skin of its collective teeth at Waratah Reserve on Saturday.

The plucky Doves came within a whisker of causing the shock of the year at its Waratah mud patch.

After the game Doveton coach, Jim Train was rueing missed opportunities, I can't believe it, we were the best side but the ball would not go into the back of the net. he said.

On the other hand Bulleen coach Andy Bozikas, was frustrated with his team's performance, We missed so many chances it was unbelievable. he said.

During the mudlark battle Bulleen's Incantalupo and Stan Thodis had chances to convert whilst Mitch Cattermole and Andy McCormick were denied by some fine keeping from Mauro Raponi.

DOVETON: Zeally, Brown, Cox, McMinamee, Hodgson, Ireland, Bot, M.McCormick, Montgomery, Kazarin, Cattermole.

BULLEEN: Raponi, Valentic, Krajacic, Ruccia, Marsan, Tuck, Mori, Thodis, Pappas, Incantalupo, Grbac.

VOTES: D.Hodgson (Doves) - 1
A.Grbac (Bulleen) - 1

What a miss

ALTONA GATE 0
GREEN GULLY 0

BY VLADO VLAHOVIC

ALTONA GATE dented its title hopes after its second successive scoreless draw, this time against a determined Green Gully combination.

Although the encounter was free-flowing and fast in front of a healthy Green Gully Reserve crowd, it only excited in flashes, as many potential good moves continually broke down as players found the muddy conditions difficult to handle.

The game was even for the most part but Altona Gate had a few more clearer chances to score.

Only a few minutes had elapsed before wee Altona striker Charlie Egan found himself with only keeper Charlie Sant to beat from five metres, but he sprayed the golden chance wide of the near post.

For the rest of the game clear-cut chances were few and far between as defences held firm. Altona's Zoran Todorovski, Vlado Tortevski and Gully's John Campelj and a last minute effort by substitute Wayne Attard, hit his shot just wide from 20 metres, were the main talking points of the match.

GREEN GULLY: Sant, Hogben, Campelj, Kuzman, Belic, Chetcuti, Rastocic (Attard), Becvinovski, Azzopardi, Hunter, Smart.

ALTONA GATE: A.Micevski, S.Micevski, McMillan, Momirovski, T.Markovski, Tortevski, Davis (Kebakoski), Egan (Donnolly), J.Markovski, Todorovski, Z.Markovski.

VOTES: D.Hogben (Gully) - 1
A.McMillan (Altona) - 1

It was so tough

MORWELL FALCONS 1
ST ALBANS 1

BY JOE COLOSIMO

TITLE-CHASING Morwell Falcons kept its championship hopes alive after blanketing St Albans' NSL stars, in an often spiteful and eventful 1-1 draw at North Crinigan Reserve on Saturday.

In a lightning fast first-half in which Morwell thoroughly dominated but just could not find a way past irrepressable Dinamo custodian Mate Grgic.

Tempers reached boiling point in the 44th minute, when a crude and awkward challenge by Dinamo skipper Mick Colina on Tom Daly, resulted in the Falcons player being carried off on a stretcher with stud prints on his knee.

The Falcons again took the upper hand but paid the penalty for pushing forward in numbers as St Albans counter-attacked with success, Ollie Pondeljak streamed forward but was denied by a brilliant save from Dave Reynolds.

From the resultant corner-kick Dinamo received a free-kick just outside the area for Chris Ketsakidis to bury the opening goal at his second attempt.

From the kick-off Morwell were rewarded a dubious penalty by referee John Rutter, which appeared clearly outside of the area, however, Paul Harris muffed the charity chance.

The decision incited the Dinamo crowd as scuffles broke out onto the park and as a result referee Rutter dismissed Morwell's Kevin Harrison and Dinamo's loan star Ivan Kelic for playing their part in the melee.

In the 90th minute a brilliant pin-point cross by Effie Cassar found Billy Wright, from eight yards he found the top corner of the net giving Grgic no chance and hence keeping Morwell in the title-hunt.

MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds, Upton, Harris, Wright, Pender, McMullen, Roodhouse, Harrison, A.Cassar, Daly (Baldacchino), E.Cassar.

ST ALBANS: Grgic, Radic (Gagula), Skenderovic, Ketsakidis, Colina, Vanis, Bacak, Pondeljak, Johnson, Silic, Kelic.

VOTES: P.Harris (Morwell) - 3
M.Grgic (St Alb) - 2

Muddy mess

NORTHCOTE V
MOOROOLBARK P P

THE RELEGATION battle between Northcote and Mooroolbark due to be played at the John Cain Stadium was postponed to a later date yet to be released because of a quagmire surface.

Northcote supporters will be excited by the fact that Oakleigh lost on the weekend and that they have an easier run home compared to the Oaks in their battle for Premier League survival, and hence will want to meet the likes of Mooroolbark and Albion without the burden of too many mid-week games especially on heavy tracks.

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The Via Veneto will be so busy!

Vlado Vlahovic's State Preview

TITLE-chasing Bulleen tackles fellow contender Fawkner in this weekend's huge Italian derby, which is shaping as one of the most important games of the season at the Veneto complex on Sunday.

Both teams will be desperate to peg back the deficit from leader Brunswick Juventus, so even a point apiece will not do.

Bulleen and Fawkner shared the spoils in an earlier season draw, but this time round the stakes are much higher with Bulleen looking more impressive this time around.

Fawkner goalie Dean Anastasiadis, lanky left back Robert Tombolato, veteran Roy Walsh, industrious midfielder Mark Wilson, Heidelberg loan star Phil Stubbins, player-coach Claude Lucchesi, still going strong, plus forwards Carlos Retre and David Hanna have all played a significant part in Fawkner's steady climb to the Premier League peak.

On the other hand, Bulleen have a powerful unit with Robert Krajacic leading a solid defence, Sunshine loan star Damian Mori adding a new dimension, midfielders Anthony Grbac and Fabio Incantalupo starring, whilst forwards Con Pappas and Darren Tuck have come up with the goods in flashes.

THOMASTOWN recently crashed out of title contention but will want to save face with a positive display against relegation-haunted Mooroolbark at Partridge Reserve on Sunday.

The Barkers inflicted one of its few surprises, when it defeated Thomastown in their corresponding earlier season bout and with nothing to lose it would not surprise if the Barkers managed to do the double over the red and blacks.

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ALBION TURKGUCU faces one of its most important clashes of the season as it battles for survival against hungry title-chasers Morwell Falcons at Selwyn Park on Sunday.

Albion, with all its off-field problems in recent times, faces an on-field situation where the club is hovering dangerously near the relegation zone.

Selwyn Park will resemble a mud bath, which should even things up, and possibly could be the scene for a major upset. Albion have played well against higher opposition without much luck on several occasions this season.

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TITLE CONTENDER Altona Gate must continue its winning ways against lowly Oakleigh at Paisley Reserve on Sunday.

Altona Gate, the only non Italian-backed contender will start favourite against a post-Angie Goutzioulis led Oakleigh. Loan star Goutzloulis was the Oaks inspiration and it will be interesting to see if the Oaks can cause an upset without him.

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LEAGUE LEADER Brunswick Juventus tackles mid-table Green Gully in a danger game for Juve at Middle Park on Sunday.

It is no coincidence that Gully's recent good form has run parallel with the form of its loan star Sasha Becvinovski, but if Juve can adequately stop him they surely must continue its winning ways.

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CROYDON CITY has totally collapsed out of title contention recently and must now fight for credibility against cellar-dweller Doveton at Dorset Gardens on Sunday.

Doveton must now go hell for leather if it is serious about winning at least one game for the season.

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NSL TALENT-boosted St Albans Dinamo should be too good for battlers Northcote City at Churchill Reserve on Saturday.

CON PAPPAS OF BULLEEN

THIS WEEK

Sat, 3rd August Round 22
St Albans v Northcote City.

Sun, 4th August
Croydon City v Doveton, Bulleen v Fawkner, Bruns Utd Juventus v Green Gully, Altona Gate v Oakleigh, Albion v Morwell Falcons, Thomastown v Mooroolbark.

STATE LEAGUE DIV. ONE

Sat, 3rd August Round 24
Bell Park v Ringwood City, North Geelong bye, Essendon City v Frankston Pines.

Sun, 4th August
Box Hill v Melbourne City, Caulfield City v Knox City, Westgate v Mordialloc, Western Suburbs v Werribee, Springvale v Port Melbourne.

STATE LEAGUE DIV. TWO

Sat, 3rd August Round 24
Altona City v Nunawading City, Broadmeadows City v Geelong, Chelsea v Suns Heights Polonia, Clifton Hill v Keilor, Dandenong v Doncaster Rovers, Waverley City v Bentleigh Greens, Brighton v Richmond, Sandringham City v Sunbury United.

STATE LEAGUE DIV. THREE

Sat, 3rd August Round 22
East Bruns./Ivanhoe v Eltham/Dia. Valley Utd, Clarinda v Heidelberg City, Moreland/Coburg v Lalor United, Corio — Geelong Utd v Moorabbin City, Seaford United v Oakleigh Suburbs, Springvale Utd v Fitzroy City.

STATE LEAGUE DIV. FOUR

Sat, 3rd August Round 22
Karingal Utd v Regent, Hawthorn Citizens v Rosanna, Cranbourne v Springvale Condors, South Dandenong bye, Hamlyn Rangers v Yarraville, Mornington v Boronia, Pascoe Vale v Langwarrin.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. ONE

Sat, 3rd August Round 20
Knox Park v Frankston United, Yallourn v Malvern City, Berwick City v North Sunshine, Melton v South Springvale, Brunswick City v Altona East, Williamstown v South Werribee, Forest Hill v Westvale.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. TWO

Sat, 3rd August Round 20
Eastern Park Brintons bye, Brandon Park v Keysborough, Ballarat v Lalor, Nth Glenroy St Marks v Lyndale United, Uni of Melbourne v East Geelong, Hoppers Crossing v Mentone United, Wantirna v Meadow Park.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. THREE

Sat, 3rd August Round 20
Glenroy v Hampton Park, East Richmond v Kew Eagles, Carrum United v Mitcham United, Batman United v Monash University, South Yarra v Monbulk, Ringwood Rovers v St Kilda, Waverley United v Port United.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. FOUR

Sun, 4th August Round 20
Diggers Rest v East Kew, Sth Wantirna Cretan v Keilor United, Collingwood City v Malvern Lemnos, Baumaris v Latrobe University, Sunshine Park bye, Riversdale v Oakleigh United, Waverley Wanderers v Old Scotch.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. FIVE

Sun, 4th August Round 20
Cam Grammar Old Boys v Albert Park Maccabi, Epping Concorde v Endeavour Hills, Broadmeadows Utd v Thornbury Furlan Utd, Balwyn City v Doncaster Inter, Upfield v Melbourne University, RMIT v Northern United, Diamond Valley bye.

Russell to stay put

BY GREG BLAKE

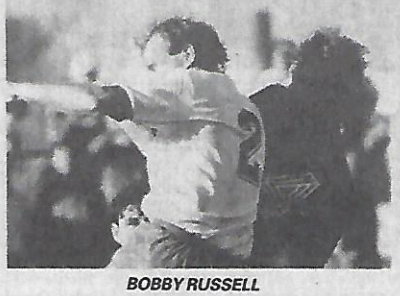
FORMER South Melbourne and Adelaide City favorite, Bobby Russell, will stay on as coach of struggling Victorian Premier League club Albion until the end of the 1991 season.

Russell, a former NSL Gold Medal winner, will remain in Melbourne until after Albion's re-scheduled Premier League match with Bulleen tomorrow night (Wednesday), before moving to Canberra to fulfill coaching committments at the AIS.

Relegation threatened Albion will fly Russell back to Melbourne each weekend until the end of the season.

Russell, who took over as caretaker at Selwyn Park following the resignation of Terry Hennessey last month, has recently bought a business in Adelaide and, according to the club, is unlikely to stay on after this season.

"We'd like him to stay and we are just grateful that he is staying with us for now", said club spokesman Bill Mustafa.



BOBBY RUSSELL

"At the moment we are just clear of the relegation zone, so our fate is still in our own hands.

"It is going to be tough and that is why it is important that Bobby is here to help us.

"We are hopeful (of survival).

"The morale is good and we hope we can produce our best in the coming weeks".

In the run home Albion plays Bulleen (at Skinner Reserve), Morwell (home), Northcote (away), Mooroolbark (h), St Albans (a) and Thomastown (h).

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GREG BLAKE PULLS NO PUNCHES

FORMER West Adelaide Hellas coach Alby Kidd has joined the list of names in contention for the Melbourne Croatia coaching job, vacated by 1991 grand final coach Ken Worden when he moved to Malaysia two months ago.

Kidd joins Luka Peruzovic, Ivan Raznjevic, Ken Morton and Ivan Markovac as a candidate for the job at the helm of a Croatia side which has made the finals for past three successive seasons.

Croatia is also set to swoop in the transfer market, having singled out Ned Zelic, Damian Mori, Kevin Muscat and Ollie Pondlejak as key recruiting targets.

Former Croatia player Branko Culina, who has always longed for the chance to go back to Somers Street, is still to apply and thus is not in the running.

Nor has recently departed Heidelberg coach Len McKendry.

According to club president Steve Mandekic the coaching vacancy will not be filled until after the club's AGM on August 3.

Favoured for the coaching job is Peruzovic, who coached Hajduk Split during its Australian tour in 1990.

The former Hajduk player is said to be considering offers from a Belgian and a German club.

Raznjevic is also rated a chance to return to the club having left a favourable impression when he guided Croatia to fourth and third in the NSL, in 1989 and 1990 respectively.

Raznjevic is currently in the United States.

On the transfer trail, Croatia has confirmed its interest in 19 year-old senior Socceroo Ned Zelic, but resigned itself to losing talented Aussie international midfielder Branko Milosevic.

"Milosevic is up for sale", Mandekic told ABSW.

Adelaide City has chased Milosevic for many months, but recently Sydney Olympic and Marconi have joined the queue interested in luring him away from Somers Street without baulking at the $50,000 price tag.

The chances of Zelic joining the Melbourne club hinge on the outcome of an NSL tribunal appeal hearing over the $150,000 fee imposed on him by current club Sydney Croatia.

Sunshine's Damian Mori, currently on loan to Premier League club Bulleen, has already negotiated terms with Croatia, whilst the club has indicated its interest in Aussie youth team star Kevin Muscat and prolific Premier League goalscorer Ollie Pondlejak, from St Albans.

CROYDON PLAYERS CELEBRATE

Fixture list alterations

THE following is a list of all re-scheduled VSF senior grade fixtures, with the revised date for each match in brackets.

VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE — Albion v Bulleen (31.7.91).

VIC.DIV.ONE — Western Suburbs v Ringwood City (10.8.91); Melbourne City v Western Suburbs (17.8.91); Bell Park v Frankston Pines (24.8.91).

VIC.DIV.TWO — Kellor v Altona City (11.8.91); Sunshine Heights Polonia v Richmond (18.8.91); Clifton Hill v Sandringham (1.9.91).

VIC.DIV.THREE — Lalor v Seaford Utd (4.8.91); Eltham Diamond Valley v Clayton (4.8.91).

VIC.DIV.FOUR — Pascoe Vale v South Dandenong (4.8.91).

PROV.DIV.ONE — Melton v Brunswick City (14.9.91); Malvern City v South Springvale (14.9.91); North Sunshine v Williamstown (14.9.91).

PROV.DIV.TWO — Lalor v Hoppers Crossing (18.8.91); Brandon Park v Wantirna (14.9.91); East Geelong v Lalor (14.9.91).

PROV.DIV.THREE — Mitcham United v Ringwood Rovers (14.9.91); Kew Eagles v South Yarra (14.9.91); East Richmond v Waverley Utd (14.9.91).

PROV.DIV.FOUR — Diggers Rest v Collingwood City (10.8.91); Sunshine Park v Sth Wantirna Cretan (10.8.91); Collingwood City v Oakleigh Utd (17.8.91); Latrobe Uni v Sth Wantirna Cretan (17.8.91).

The full round of matches postponed on 5 May will be played on Sunday 15 September.

PROV.DIV.FIVE — Epping Concorde v Melbourne Uni (26.9.91); Broadmeadows Utd v Diamond Valley (26.9.91); Camberwell Gram.Old Boys v Doncaster Inter (26.9.91).

The full round of matches postponed from 5 May will be played on Sunday 15 September and the full round postponed on 19 May will go ahead on Thursday 26 September (Show Day).

Bulls on the move!

BULLEEN's Premier League title hopes are on the line tomorrow night (Wednesday) when the lads from the Veneto travel to Sunshine's Skinner Reserve for a re-scheduled round 16 match against struggling Albion.

Should it win its game in hand, Bulleen will be well placed to keep current leader Juventus honest for the rest of the season.

And, should Bulleen play to form, it should have no trouble winning tomorrow evening's clash (kick-off 7.30 pm) in convincing fashion.

Juventus star Jeff Doyle rates Bulleen as the best side his club has faced all season, and rightly so, with Andy Bozikas' team boasting the most lethal midfield in the competition.

Albion, although desperate to steer clear of the bottom three, will have no answer to the talents of Fab Incantalupo, Damian Mori, Mike Branov and Anthony Grbac.

Bulleen struggled in for a 2-1 win against Albion earlier this season, but should do the job without too much fuss on Wednesday.

Award race

THE race is hotting up for the Victorian Premier League's richest individual player prize, the ABSW Most Exciting Player of the Year Award.

After 20 completed rounds any one of twenty or more players are still in contention for the the award, which will be presented on Bill Fleming Medal night, later this year.

Three players, Bulleen's Fab Incantalupo, Northcote's Alex Gymnopoulos and Brian MacNichol of Juventus, were tied at the top of the tree with just six home-and-away rounds to play.

To the winner goes the spoils, a magnificent trophy and a cheque for $500 compliments of award sponsor, Pascoe Vale Sports Scene, 413-415 Bell St., Pascoe Vale.

For a look at the updated leader board after last weekend turn to ABSW's Premier League results page.

Here is the complete list of leading vote-getters after 20 completed rounds:

10 — Incantalupo (Bull), Gymnopoulos (Nth), MacNichol (Juve).

9 — Becvinovski (GG).

8 — Hodgson (Dove).

7 — Smart (GG), A.Cassar (MF).

6 — Goutzioulis (Oak), McCallan (Moor), Nicovski (AG), Upton (MF), Pondlejak (StA), Kouremenos (Nth), Lucchesi (Fawk), Cocker (Thom).

5 — Thodis (Bull), Vlatkovic (Fawk), McGeachey (Croy), Dobson (Croy), McArthur (Croy), Micevski (AG), J.Markovski (AG), Raynes (Alb), Lane (Juve).

4 — Tombolato (Fawk), Leonardos (Oak), Panagopoulos (Nth), Turudia (Nth), Cristaldo (Thom), Grbac (Bull), James (Alb), Di Amicis (Juve), Pender (MF), Colina (StA), Johnson (StA), Becak (StA), Silic(StA).

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VICTORIAN JUNIOR TABLES

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CEN/SOUTH A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
EAST BENTLEIGH	10	9	1	0	59	4	19
BRIGHTON	11	8	2	1	48	8	18
CLAYTON	8	6	1	1	43	7	13
ALBERT PARK MAC	8	4	2	2	20	13	10
ELWOOD	10	4	1	5	13	29	9
SANDRINGHAM	10	4	0	6	34	26	8
KEW EAGLES	9	3	1	5	9	20	7
BENTLEIGH GREEN	11	2	2	7	5	45	6
EAST RICHMOND	10	2	1	7	7	56	5
MORDIALLOC	11	0	3	8	5	35	3
RYE 300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NORTHERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
NTH GLK ST MARK	14	10	3	1	50	7	23
R U JUVENTUS	12	9	1	2	44	12	19
FAWKNER	13	8	2	3	32	12	18
THOMASTOWN	13	7	2	4	47	21	16
MEADOW PARK	13	6	3	4	40	20	15
LALOR UNITED	13	6	3	4	39	21	15
NTH RESERVOIR	12	6	3	3	19	12	15
PRESTON	13	5	0	8	32	32	10
NORTHCOTE CITY	13	3	3	7	26	35	9
ESSENDON CITY	12	3	0	9	20	31	6
W/BERG UTD A	11	1	1	9	13	31	3
KEON PARK	11	0	1	10	1	129	1

CEN/SOUTH B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
LANGWARRIN	8	8	0	0	42	2	16
BAXTER	10	7	2	1	40	5	16
F/STON UTD	10	7	1	2	33	10	15
PENINSULA	10	5	0	5	27	28	10
MORNINGTON	9	3	3	3	17	12	9
BEAUMARIS	9	4	1	4	13	18	9
F/TON PINES	9	1	1	7	5	29	3
HASTINGS	9	1	1	7	7	35	3
CARRUM UTD	10	1	1	8	3	48	3

NTH/WEST A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
KEILOR A	11	10	1	0	67	6	21
SUNBURY UTD	10	7	1	2	36	10	15
REGENT	9	6	2	1	37	6	14
ST ALBANS	10	5	3	2	36	10	13
GREEN GULLY B	9	3	2	4	21	20	8
ALTONA EAST	10	2	4	4	7	14	8
WESTVALE	9	2	3	4	9	46	7
WESTERN SUBS	9	1	4	4	5	18	6
SUNSHINE PARK	9	2	0	7	6	29	4
300	3	0	2	1	2	12	2

EASTERN A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
SPRINGVALE CITY	13	12	0	1	79	8	24
SEAFORD UNITED	14	12	0	2	49	13	24
WAVERLEY UTD A	13	10	0	3	58	12	20
NUNAWADING CITY	13	8	1	4	38	17	17
DONCASTER ROV	12	7	1	4	35	17	15
BERWICK CITY	13	7	0	6	36	25	14
LYNDALE UNITED	14	6	1	7	30	35	13
KNOX CITY	13	5	0	8	25	38	10
RINGWOOD CITY	13	3	3	7	15	48	9
MONBULK	14	4	0	10	20	63	8
WAVERLEY CITY	14	1	2	11	5	56	4
CLARINDA	14	0	2	12	2	58	2

NTH/WEST B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
LALOR	10	8	2	0	64	1	18
PASCOE VALE	10	7	3	0	36	5	17
ROSANNA	9	5	0	4	17	16	10
KEILOR B	10	4	1	5	29	18	9
MELTON B	8	4	1	3	16	14	9
PRESTON B	9	4	1	4	19	22	9
WERRIBEE	8	1	2	5	10	15	4
YARRAVILLE	6	0	2	4	0	18	2
RYE 300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W/BERG UTD B	8	0	0	8	0	83	0

EASTERN B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
CROYDON CITY A	12	8	3	1	37	13	19
STH S/VALE A	11	8	2	1	42	9	18
SHERBROOKE RANG	12	7	4	1	38	18	18
ELTHAM	11	6	2	3	32	22	14
KARINGAL	12	5	4	3	22	15	14
KNOX PARK	11	3	3	5	21	21	9
SPRINGVALE UTD	11	3	3	5	14	21	9
HAMPTON PARK	12	1	4	7	13	25	6
GLEN WAVERLEY	9	0	2	7	3	37	2
BULLEEN	11	1	0	10	5	49	2

WESTERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
MELB CROATIA	11	10	0	1	79	11	20
MELTON A	10	7	2	1	37	9	16
GREEN GULLY A	12	7	0	5	47	18	14
SUNSHINE G.C	12	6	2	4	34	15	14
SUNSHINE HTS	11	6	1	4	38	22	13
ALTONA GATE	11	5	1	5	24	20	11
ALTONA CITY	12	5	1	6	24	23	11
MELB CITY	12	4	2	6	22	29	10
ALBION	11	1	1	9	11	76	3
MARIBYRNONG UNT	10	0	1	9	1	85	1

EASTERN C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
BRANDON PARK	11	9	2	0	80	9	20
DINGLEY	10	7	2	1	65	13	16
CRANBOURNE	9	6	2	1	51	12	14
DOVETON	9	5	1	3	35	16	11
CROYDON CITY B	9	3	2	4	31	25	8
OAKLEIGH SUBURB	9	4	0	5	27	40	8
OAKLEIGH	9	1	4	4	9	15	6
MALVERN CITY	8	1	4	3	9	24	6
STH S/VALE B	10	0	2	8	2	93	2
HAWTHORN	8	0	1	7	1	63	1

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CEN/SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
CRANBOURNE	13	9	3	1	43	11	21
STH S/VALE	13	9	2	2	40	10	20
PENINSULA	13	8	4	1	46	17	20
F/STON UTD	13	9	2	2	33	15	20
BRIGHTON	13	8	1	4	54	18	17
SANDRINGHAM	13	8	1	4	43	29	17
OAKLEIGH SUBS	13	4	4	5	25	31	12
LANGWARRIN	13	4	2	7	23	49	10
DOVETON	13	2	4	7	16	41	8
BAXTER	13	1	3	9	19	45	5
EAST BENTLEIGH	13	1	2	10	11	30	4
BENTLEIGH GREEN	13	1	0	12	8	65	2

EASTERN B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
HAMPTON PARK	13	13	0	0	70	4	26
ELTHAM	12	8	2	2	48	18	18
RINGWOOD CITY	11	6	3	2	25	12	15
ALBERT PARK	10	7	0	3	34	22	14
MONBULK	12	6	2	4	35	31	14
W/BERG UTD B	11	5	1	5	27	14	11
STH WERRIBEE	13	4	2	7	22	26	10
BEAUMARIS	12	3	4	5	18	22	10
CLAYTON	13	4	2	7	20	46	10
SHERBROOKE RNGS	13	4	0	9	28	42	8
MELB CITY	11	2	3	6	16	33	7
MOOROOLBARK B	13	0	1	12	6	79	1

EASTERN A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
MITCHAM UTD	13	11	1	1	40	6	23
BEAUMARIS	12	8	2	2	23	4	18
GLEN WAVERLEY	12	7	4	1	27	11	18
CAULFIELD CITY	13	6	3	4	30	13	15
DONCASTER ROV	12	4	6	2	18	9	14
KNOX CTY EAGLES	12	5	4	3	18	10	14
S/VALE CITY	13	6	1	6	24	18	13
MOOROOLBARK A	13	5	2	6	20	25	12
BULLEEN	13	5	1	7	21	20	11
EAST RICHMOND	13	2	4	7	14	31	8
SEAFORD	13	2	0	11	5	47	4
BERWICK CITY	13	1	0	12	7	53	2

NTH/WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
BELL PARK	13	10	2	1	61	10	22
E/BRUNS/IVANHOE	13	9	1	3	36	16	19
SUNSHINE PARK	10	9	0	1	46	5	18
FAWKNER	11	7	1	3	28	12	15
WESTVALE	13	6	1	6	37	19	13
MEADOW PARK	11	5	2	4	29	22	12
WESTGATE	11	3	1	7	17	29	7
WERRIBEE	10	2	1	7	17	30	5
THOMASTOWN B	11	2	1	8	9	61	5
EAST GEELONG	10	2	0	8	9	42	4
HOPPERS XING	13	1	2	10	6	53	4

NORTHERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
LALOR UTD	12	11	0	1	52	13	22
R.U. JUVENTUS	13	6	4	3	19	12	16
PRESTON	12	6	3	3	17	16	15
NORTHCOTE CITY	10	6	2	2	14	9	14
KEON PARK	10	5	1	4	16	11	11
THOMASTOWN A	11	5	1	5	13	9	11
NTH/GLEN/STMARK	11	3	3	5	15	17	9
FITZROY EAGLES	11	2	3	6	13	22	7
W/BERG UTD A	11	2	3	6	7	23	7
NTH RESERVOIR	10	2	1	7	12	30	5
REGENT	9	1	0	8	4	28	2

WESTERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
ST ALBANS	13	9	2	2	34	9	20
MELB CROATIA	13	9	2	2	33	21	20
SUNSHINE G.C	13	8	2	3	46	17	18
ALTONA CITY	14	7	4	3	26	7	18
SUNSHINE HTS	13	7	4	2	23	12	18
ALBION	13	8	0	5	28	22	16
NTH GEELONG	14	6	3	5	22	24	15
ALTONA GATE	14	4	5	5	20	15	13
GREEN GULLY	14	2	4	8	12	27	8
SYDENHAM PARK	12	2	3	7	7	19	7
MELTON	14	2	2	10	6	49	6
BROADMEADOWS	13	0	1	12	2	37	1

UNDER 13

EASTERN A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
BENTLEIGH GREEN	12	8	2	2	41	18	18
DONCASTER ROV	10	7	0	3	42	14	14
KNOX CTY EAGLES	12	6	2	4	37	15	14
CLAYTON	10	7	0	3	30	13	14
MOOROOLBARK	12	5	3	4	28	15	13
BEAUMARIS	12	6	1	5	32	31	13
OAKLEIGH A	12	4	4	4	27	19	12
CLARINDA	11	3	0	8	19	40	6
MORDIALLOC	11	3	0	8	17	38	6
FOREST HILL	10	0	2	8	6	74	2

EASTERN B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
BRANDON PARK	12	9	2	1	44	11	20
LYNDALE UTD A	13	8	3	2	32	19	19
NUNAWADING CITY	9	6	3	0	25	7	15
F/STON UTD	12	5	5	2	26	19	15
S/VALE CITY	12	6	2	4	39	22	14
WAVERLEY CITY	13	5	4	4	26	28	14
KEYSBOROUGH	11	5	1	5	30	19	11
ROSANNA	12	2	4	6	10	21	8
MITCHAM UTD	12	2	2	8	13	29	6
KARINGAL A	10	1	1	8	6	25	3
MONBULK	11	1	1	9	7	56	3

NTH/WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
R.U. JUVENTUS	11	11	0	0	53	9	22
PRESTON	11	10	0	1	24	6	20
ESSENDON	10	6	2	2	28	12	14
NORTHCOTE CITY	12	6	2	4	29	24	14
WESTGATE	12	4	4	4	27	35	12
LALOR UNITED	10	3	2	5	18	18	8
REGENT	10	3	2	5	19	24	8
E/PK BRINTONS	11	3	1	7	15	28	7
LALOR	9	2	2	5	9	21	6
MELB CITY	10	2	2	6	14	32	6
MALVERN CITY	11	1	2	8	16	31	4
ST ALBANS	5	0	1	4	2	14	1

EASTERN C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
CHELSEA	9	8	1	0	42	6	17
CRANBOURNE	9	7	1	1	47	7	15
KNOX PARK UTD	9	6	1	2	23	12	13
CARRUM UTD	11	4	1	6	18	35	9
FLAMINGO	9	3	2	4	13	23	8
ELWOOD	9	3	1	5	15	26	7
ST/KAN CRETAN	10	1	5	4	3	14	7
OAKLEIGH B	8	2	1	5	9	20	5
LYNDALE UTD B	9	2	0	7	8	28	4

SUPER/LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S/VALE CITY 3	12	9	2	1	49	8	20
KNOX CITY EAGLE	11	8	3	0	53	5	19
THOMASTOWN	11	8	1	2	42	7	17
FAWKNER	12	6	4	2	24	12	16
SUNSHINE HTS	11	6	2	3	25	16	14
WEST SUBURBS	13	5	3	5	32	20	13
W/BERG UTD	9	5	2	2	19	12	12
NTH/GLK/STMARKS	13	6	0	7	29	26	12
EAST RICHMOND	12	4	2	6	21	28	10
F/TON PINES	13	1	1	11	12	53	3
NTH GEELONG	12	1	0	11	9	64	2
MELB CROATIA	11	1	0	10	9	73	2

METRO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
CROYDON CITY	9	8	1	0	27	6	17
NTH RESERVOIR	11	7	2	2	24	14	16
BULLEEN	10	6	3	1	27	11	15
DOVETON	11	3	5	3	30	19	11
STH/S/VALE	10	4	3	3	10	9	11
STH DANDENONG	11	3	3	5	12	19	9
S/VALE UTD	10	2	3	5	13	16	7
ELTHAM	11	3	1	7	17	23	7
SEAFORD	9	0	4	5	8	24	4
WAVERLEY UTD	8	1	1	6	5	32	3

WESTERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
ST ALBANS	12	10	2	0	54	5	22
WESTVALE	13	9	1	3	40	11	19
EAST GEELONG	11	9	1	1	33	8	19
KEILOR	13	9	0	4	56	20	18
ALTONA GATE	13	9	0	4	29	20	18
SUNSHINE G.C	13	8	1	4	46	14	17
SYDENHAM PARK	13	4	1	8	19	40	9
MELTON	13	3	1	9	13	45	7
MEADOW PARK	9	3	0	6	18	31	6
SUNBURY UTD	12	2	0	10	12	48	4
HAMLYN RANGERS	12	2	0	10	11	55	4
BELL PARK	12	1	1	10	11	45	3

UNDER 14

EASTERN A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
R.U. JUVENTUS	10	7	3	0	42	8	17
SANDRINGHAM	9	3	4	2	16	18	10
DONCASTER ROV	9	4	2	3	7	9	10
MOOROOLBARK	9	2	5	2	16	15	9
OAKLEIGH	7	3	2	2	14	10	8
BERWICK CITY	7	3	1	3	9	16	7
DOVETON	10	3	1	6	15	24	7
MALVERN CITY	8	2	2	4	13	19	6
STH/S/VALE	8	2	1	5	10	18	5
RYE 300	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

METRO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
STH MELB	12	10	1	1	54	10	21
MELB CROATIA	11	7	2	2	38	13	16
PRESTON	10	6	3	1	27	8	15
REGENT	10	6	3	1	22	10	15
CLAYTON	12	6	2	4	23	20	14
DOVETON H	12	6	2	4	18	18	14
LYNDALE UTD	11	5	2	4	29	18	12
KARINGAL	11	1	4	6	6	20	6
S/VALE CONDORS	11	1	2	8	12	35	4
NUNAWADING C A	12	1	2	9	15	44	4
S/VALE CITY	12	1	1	10	7	55	3

EASTERN B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
CAULFIELD CTY	12	7	3	2	28	10	17
FITZROY EAGLES	9	8	0	1	46	8	16
BULLEEN B	11	8	0	3	33	11	16
ELTHAM	10	4	5	1	17	12	13
BENTLEIGH GREEN	9	5	2	2	22	9	12
BAXTER	11	3	1	7	20	23	7
BEAUMARIS	10	2	2	6	11	24	6
STH MELB B	11	2	1	8	11	46	5
KEYSBOROUGH	6	1	2	3	6	20	4
CROYDON CITY	11	1	2	8	10	41	4
RYE 300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NTH/WEST A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
ST ALBANS	11	10	1	0	52	12	21
SUNSHINE G.C	11	8	1	2	36	17	17
ALTONA GATE	11	6	4	1	19	14	16
MELTON	12	4	4	4	23	22	12
ESSENDON CITY	8	5	1	2	19	13	11
FAWKNER	11	3	2	6	17	29	8
BRUNSWICK CITY	10	3	1	6	15	26	7
THOMASTOWN	8	2	2	4	12	13	6
KEILOR	10	1	2	7	6	20	4
ALTONA EAST	10	1	0	9	4	34	2

NTH/WEST B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
NORTHCOTE CITY	12	8	3	1	29	18	19
GREEN GULLY	11	9	0	2	28	14	18
CLIFTON HILL	11	6	2	3	22	15	14
E/BRUNS/IVANHOE	12	6	1	5	25	21	13
ALTONA CITY	12	4	2	6	17	18	10
SYDENHAM PARK	11	4	2	5	16	20	10
BROADMEADOWS	8	3	3	2	20	13	9
N/GLEN/STMARKS	11	3	1	7	12	23	7
KEON PARK	9	2	2	5	15	22	6
WEST SUBURBS	11	1	2	8	10	27	4

SUPER/LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F/STON UTD	13	11	2	0	42	10	24
BULLEEN A	13	10	2	1	31	12	22
EAST BENTLEIGH	13	9	2	2	41	17	20
NTH RESERVOIR	12	8	1	3	22	11	17
SUNSHINE HTS	12	6	1	5	21	18	13
SUNSHINE PARK	12	4	3	5	21	26	11
LALOR	12	3	3	6	19	23	9
NTH SUNSHINE	12	2	5	5	11	19	9
LALOR UTD	13	4	1	8	15	30	9
FOREST HILL	11	2	3	6	14	26	7
NTH GEELONG	13	1	2	10	11	37	4
MITCHAM UTD	12	0	3	9	5	27	3

UNDER 15

EASTERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
WAVERLEY CITY	13	11	0	2	66	12	22
LANGWARRIN	11	8	0	3	39	9	16
RINGWOOD CITY	9	7	1	1	48	14	15
S/VALE CITY B	12	7	1	4	47	14	15
ROSANNA	12	7	1	4	41	19	15
CLARINDA B	11	6	2	3	29	17	14
CHELSEA	13	6	2	5	27	26	14
ENDEAVOUR HILLS	12	5	1	6	35	26	11
STH/S/VALE	11	5	0	6	64	22	10
MOOROOLBARK	12	1	1	10	18	53	3
KNOX PARK UTD	10	1	1	8	7	65	3
BERWICK UTD	12	0	0	12	0	144	0

NTH/WEST B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
ST ALBANS	11	9	1	1	29	8	19
SYDENHAM PARK	11	5	5	1	19	9	15
LALOR	11	5	4	2	25	13	14
E/PK/BRINTONS	11	4	3	4	22	22	11
SUNBURY UTD	10	5	0	5	27	7	10
GEELONG	9	3	4	2	15	13	10
ELTHAM	12	3	1	8	25	40	7
MELB CITY	8	2	2	4	9	14	6
BELL PARK	10	2	2	6	11	28	6
ALBION B	9	1	1	7	11	43	3

METRO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
GREEN GULLY	13	10	1	2	33	7	21
KNOX CITY	12	9	2	1	29	16	20
S/VALE CITY A	12	8	2	2	31	14	18
ALTONA CITY	13	5	4	4	21	20	14
CLARINDA A	11	6	1	4	26	11	13
STH MELB	13	6	1	6	26	30	13
F/STON UTD	11	5	1	5	30	24	11
REGENT	11	3	4	4	16	18	10
MORDIALLOC	13	4	1	8	20	32	9
DONCASTER ROV	13	4	0	9	22	43	8
BENTLEIGH GREEN	13	2	3	8	24	38	7
WAVERLEY UTD	11	1	0	10	7	40	2

SUPER/LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
R.U. JUVENTUS	12	10	1	1	35	9	21
ALTONA GATE	13	7	4	2	33	10	18
W/BERG UTD	10	8	1	1	29	10	17
EAST RICHMOND	11	8	0	3	27	13	16
ALTONA EAST	11	5	5	1	26	11	15
LYNDALE UTD	10	6	0	4	12	12	12
THOMASTOWN	10	5	1	4	16	12	11
WEST SUBURBS	12	1	4	7	10	24	6
MITCHAM UTD	11	3	0	8	13	28	6
FAWKNER	11	2	2	7	12	34	6
FOREST HILL	11	1	1	9	9	42	3
ESSENDON CITY	10	0	1	9	8	25	1

NTH/WEST A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
SUNSHINE G.C	12	10	1	1	55	4	21
MELB CROATIA	12	7	1	4	34	15	15
WERRIBEE	11	6	3	2	31	13	15
NTH SUNSHINE	11	6	3	2	29	15	15
NORTHCOTE CITY	10	5	3	2	30	18	13
EAST GEELONG	11	4	2	5	21	22	10
ALBION A	9	4	0	5	15	19	8
KEON PARK	10	2	1	7	13	35	5
MARIBYRNONG	11	0	2	9	7	34	2
SEAFORD	11	1	0	10	13	57	2

UNDER 16

EASTERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
NUNAWADING CITY	14	9	4	1	53	10	22
F/STON PINES	14	10	2	2	47	17	22
SEAFORD	11	10	1	0	56	10	21
MOOROOLBARK	13	8	3	2	30	11	19
WAVERLEY CITY A	12	6	1	5	37	19	13
CHELSEA	13	5	2	6	23	24	12
MALVERN CITY	10	2	4	4	9	15	8
BERWICK CITY	12	2	4	6	10	37	8
S/VALE UTD	11	3	1	7	12	49	7
KEYSBOROUGH	14	2	2	10	20	49	6
KNOX CITY	12	2	1	9	12	30	5
MONBULK	12	2	1	9	11	49	5

NTH/EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
PORT MELB	13	8	2	3	32	15	18
LYNDALE UTD	12	7	2	3	34	14	16
CLAYTON	12	7	2	3	19	15	16
NORTHCOTE CITY	12	5	5	2	32	15	15
BRUNSWICK CITY	10	5	4	1	46	10	14
W/BERG UTD A	10	5	4	1	41	14	14
OAKLEIGH	11	2	6	3	23	20	10
BULLEEN	11	4	1	6	32	17	9
MELB CITY	11	2	5	4	17	21	9
OAKLEIGH SUBURB	9	3	2	4	31	11	8
BAXTER	12	1	1	10	6	47	3
WAVERLEY CITY B	11	1	0	10	5	119	2

NTH/WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
STH WERRIBEE	11	9	0	2	41	8	18
CLIFTON HILL	11	8	2	1	29	14	18
ALTONA CITY	11	8	1	2	56	13	17
THOMASTOWN	11	7	1	3	38	11	15
WILLIAMSTOWN	11	6	2	3	39	20	14
NTH/GLEN/STMARK	11	6	2	3	17	18	14
CORIO/GEELONG	11	4	1	6	31	38	9
W/BERG UTD B	10	3	1	6	13	22	7
KEON PARK	10	2	2	6	10	35	6
SUNSHINE PARK	10	1	2	7	12	35	4
MELTON	13	0	3	10	4	56	3

SUPER/LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
STH MELB	12	10	1	1	37	10	21
R.U. JUVENTUS	12	8	1	3	17	6	17
LALOR UTD	10	7	1	2	20	11	15
FAWKNER	11	7	1	3	25	22	15
MELB CROATIA	9	6	1	2	26	11	13
SUNSHINE G.C	10	4	3	3	22	16	11
NTH GEELONG	9	5	0	4	13	13	10
PRESTON	11	2	2	7	19	28	6
ESSENDON CITY	10	2	0	8	15	28	4
S/VALE CITY	12	1	1	10	8	32	3
STH/S/VALE	12	1	1	10	13	41	3

UNDER 18

NTH/WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
SUNSHINE G.C	7	6	0	1	29	10	12
PRESTON	7	5	1	1	30	10	11
STH MELB	7	4	1	2	25	9	9
NORTHERN UTD	5	3	2	0	13	5	8
ALBION	7	2	3	2	21	13	7
LALOR	7	2	1	4	8	18	5
CLIFTON HILL	9	1	2	6	9	22	4
HAWTHORN	8	0	2	6	9	48	2

STH/EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
BULLEEN	11	9	1	1	73	9	19
W/BERG UTD	10	9	1	0	55	4	19
BRIGHTON	11	8	2	1	41	5	18
S/VALE CITY	9	6	1	2	28	8	13
OAKLEIGH	9	3	1	5	26	23	7
CAULFIELD CITY	9	2	3	4	20	35	7
DOVETON	11	2	3	6	14	34	7
EAST RICHMOND	9	2	2	5	17	29	6
COBURG	5	2	0	3	7	27	4
KNOX PARK UTD	9	1	1	7	11	49	3
EAST BENTLEIGH	10	0	1	9	4	65	1

Let's get fair dinkum!

RECORD TRANSFER MAN PAUL OKON

"AUSTRALIA is in the international market and our clubs must put international transfer values on their top players."

NSL General Manager, Peter Russell was very firm as he spoke to me about our clubs selling themselves and Australia short by transferring players on the cheap overseas.

"We (the NSL) are bringing out a revised contract for players which will have sections to fill if they go to a state League club, a national league club, or an overseas club.

The transfer fee would vary in either case," he said.

Russell was very much against clubs granting minimum transfer fee clauses in their contracts to certain players.

No doubt his new NSL contract was aimed in cutting this out.

So the days of top players such as John Markovski moving to Marconi for a paltry $12,000.

Unless specified otherwise, Markovski could currently buy out his contract and head for the big clubs overseas as a free player.

I learned of these contract technicalities a few days ago while enquiring of Russell on behalf of a player who has been seeking to play overseas.

Currently on the NSL transfer list at $15,000, he is ready to buy out his contract, before heading overseas.

The problems of young Australian goalkeeper Mark Bosnich, who has been unable to obtain a work permit to continue at Manchester United, will dissuade him from trying his luck in Britain.

In the short term, he will probably have to leave his wife and young child at home in Sydney.

We are seeking a foreign club who will pay his air fare and accommodation whilst he spends a trial period with them.

If he gets a contract it will stipulate that his wife and child be flown over to Europe to join him.

I have arranged several such contracts for players coming into the country from overseas.

It is an exciting time, even if tinged with trepidation for players and their loved ones, if married.

Some players settle in much better and quicker than others and it is dangerous to judge them too early.

But in the extreme competitiveness of European football, coaches do not have much time to allow players to adjust to new standards and a new environment.

Our Australian boys have proven to be very adaptable.

July and August are generally busy periods in Australia for the various tribunals which meet up and down the country to assess the fair and true value of a player placed on the transfer market by his club.

The most interesting case currently facing a tribunal is that of Ned Zelic.

Ned is on the transfer list of Sydney Croatia for $150,000.

He appealed against the fee.

The $150,000 fee only applies to the local market. An overseas club might have to play $400,000, if his value compared to Paul Okon is used as a guideline.

Last week we discussed the benefit a professional legal man would be to both player and Australian soccer if he were paid to head up a Players' Association.

Australian Soccer is becoming big business, especially at the top end.

Our national league has far greater potential than the Australian leagues of basketball, Aussie rules or rugby league.

Soccer is the world game and Australia, at last, is beginning to make tentative steps up onto the world stage.

The success of our golfers in the recent British Open will happen in soccer.

Australia is a sport orientated nation.

We need the soccer infrastructure, clubs, stadiums and training facilities and the professional backup to consolidate the great strides made in the last two decades.

This takes money.

We cannot afford to give our best soccer players away for next to nothing.

These are our best assets: nurtured, driven around, formed into teams in their young years — some since the age of four.

Coached by dads, mums, big brothers, uncles, school teachers, rep coaches, then pros like Denis Ford, Casey de Bruin, John Fleming, then the big boys, like Arok, McKendry, Mariani, Thomson, Rasic, Scheinflug and Blanco.

Much time and many hands have etched their mark on players such as Zelic, Okon, Kindtner, Seal and before that Farina, Krncevic and Mitchell.

Such diligence deserves its reward. In this case in significent transfer fees that would help build and sustain Australian Soccer clubs, and thus Australian soccer.

The Joeys' World Cup program

AUSTRALIA's National Under 17 Soccer Team (The Joeys), left last Friday for the World Youth Championships in Italy, stopping for six warm-up games in Holland, Belgium, and Germany.

Their preparatory match schedule is as follows: Graafschap (Holland) July 29; Den Haag (Holland) July 31; F.C. Brugge (Belgium) August 2; Kleve-Geldern (Germany) August 4; German National Under 17s (Germany) August 7; Go Ahead Eagles (Holland) August 9.

The team will be based at Holland's Papendal Sports Centre. Telephone (0011) 31 8308 37911, Facsimile (0015) 8308 21853.

The Joeys move to Italy August 11. They will be based at the Hotel Ambrosiano, Carrara. Telephone (0011) 39 49 70055, Facsimile (0015) 39 49 772009.

Australia will compete in Group B, comprising Congo, Qatar, Mexico.

The phase 1 matches are as follows: Sunday August 18 Australia vs Mexico 21:00h; Tuesday August 20 Congo vs Australia 19:00h; Thursday August 22 Qatar vs Australia 19:00h.

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

Awards all wrong!

Real Award: Frank Farina, receives an award from Prime Minister Bob Hawke, with Charlie Perkins and John Warren in attendance.

While the Young Socceroos' splendid deeds in Portugal earnt Australian Soccer invaluable media space and gave our game a much needed profile lift, the Australian women's netball "World Cup" victory rates a greater achievement in the eyes of the Australian public.

The netballers won the "World Cup" while the Young Socceroos finished equal third.

If you doubt that observation wait until the Annual Awards Nights later this year and you can bet your life the netballers will get the nod over the Young Socceroos as the "team of the year". All of which is totally wrong and merely reflects the Australian mentality of what is the "world".

Without detracting from the women's team effort, on a global basis, the Young Socceroos achieved considerably more in finishing third than the netballers did in winning.

One hundred and six nations entered the World Youth Championships. To finish third the Young Socceroos beat the African champions (Egypt), and the European champions (Soviet Union) and only dipped out to the eventual winners, defending champions and hosts, Portugal in the semi finals.

On the other hand 20 nations entered the World Netball Cup. Apart from the small number, the sporting quality of the most of the nations competing is among the lowest in the world. . . . Cayman Islands, Cook Islands, Vanuatu, Singapore, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Western Samoa, Namibia, Fiji, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England, Jamaica and New Zealand hardly compares with the 106 nations which participated in the WYC.

In fact, had Australia soccer played against the 20 netballing nations we'd have been among the top four nations in the "world" for the past twenty five years.

Which merely reinforces the opinion that Australia would rather be top of nothing (rugby league, cricket, VFL, and the likes of netball) than be highly rated in a sport the entire world plays.

The report that the Socceroos will be full time pros come 1994 World Cup time is great news for all involved in the Australian game.

Quite simply, Australian Soccer at senior level can go no further up the world ladder until our players are fulltimers.

At the highest level players who work and train simply cannot compete with players who only train.

Of course, full-time careers for our Socceroos has been talked about for donkey years.

While all agreed it would be a huge lift to playing standards for our international players no one could come up with the funding to support it.

Former Sydney City supremo and Socceroo manager Andrew Lederer wrote a detailed report to the ASF some time ago suggesting the top 30 international players be offered contracts guaranteeing them a basic salary and the opportunity to be full time players in their own country.

ANDREW LEDERER

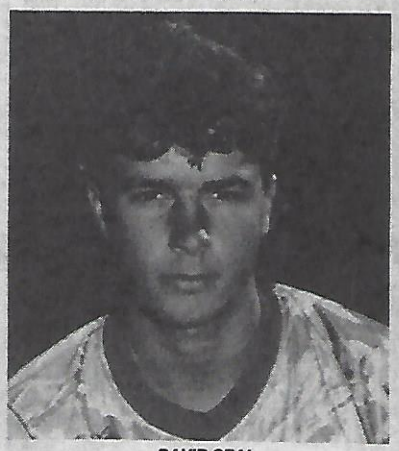
Lederer believed that more players would stay in Australia if they could earn a decent wage and train and play full time.

Lederer's funding suggested a basic salary of $120,000 for Socceroo squad members comprising. . . . $40,000 from their respective NSL clubs, $40,000 from the ASF, and $40,000 from individual sponsors for whom the players would act in PR activities. With bonuses, PR activities and other sources of sponsorships and endorsements, Lederer's plan would keep more talent at home, enable the players to train full time and also enable them to finally compete on an equal professional basis wih the world's best.

Full-time professionalism for our elite players is a must.

We've known that for years.

How the ASF funds it and whether the funding level is high enough to keep more at home is, of course, another, and decisive matter.



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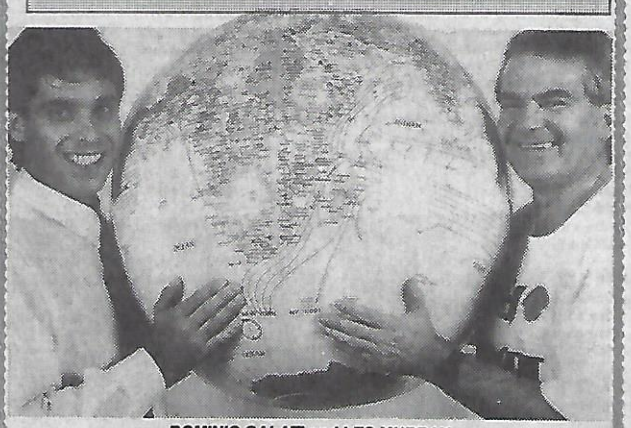
Dom's a dinger



DOMINIC GALATI and LES MURRAY.

As the back slapping dies down after the Young Socceroos' magnificent efforts in Portugal, one person has been forgotten in the many congratulatory exchanges.

While not having anything directly to do with the team, he was responsible for most of the media hype surrounding the Young Socceroos.

SBS' Dominic Galati, the national broadcaster's head of Sport, took a huge punt on the Young Socceroos on the hunch they would do well and that SBS should provide live coverage of the WYC.

Without SBS-TVs pictures, the WYC would have remained a secret, the Australian public totally unaware of what was taking place in Portugal and one of Australian sports' finest moments would have been lost on all in this country.

That the Young Socceroos backed Dom's hunch meant soccer received huge exposure, thanks, in media terms, to SBS' pictures.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SOCCER SCENE

WITH ALAN CLARK

WEST Adelaide is not concentrating only on the South American market for recruits for the new National Soccer League season.

Club officials have had no reports yet of likely purchases after the signing mission in Argentina of coach Vic Fernandez and three clubmen.

But West's PR man, Peter Angelos confirmed: "We currently are looking at another couple of leads within Australia.

"Once Vic gets back we shall see how we are going to proceed. There is no word yet from the team in South America. They are due to fly out home tomorrow."

Fernandez is expected to settle in Adelaide later this week to start pre-season work with the club next month for its NSL return.

One player likely to catch the eye of West is tall timber Irish striker Donal O'Brien of North Perth Croatia.

He already trialled with the club before the start of this Foundation SA League season and is the second leading scorer in WA's premier league with 12 goals from 13 games.

Sources in WA claim his contract is up at the end of the season but his fee is likely to place him out of the WA market.

If he is not fixed up by a club further east, he could head back to his old club,Derry City.

Branko Milosevic, who reportedly is too dear for Adelaide City to consider buying, currently is a team-mate of O'Brien's along with Mark Talajic, also of Melbourne Croatia.

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FRIDAY was the deadline for the tenders for the second stage of the Hindmarsh Stadium redevelopment.

The State Government will allocate the work which is expected to begin early next month.

All of the second phase of stadium updating,including improving changerooms, installing corporate boxes and updating media facilities and the boardroom and administration areas should be completed by October or November.

Improved spectator facilities are keyed in for the next stage of development when more funds are made available.

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THE sleeping giant of soccer is awakening in the Adelaide Hills.

Too expensive: BRANKO MILOSEVIC.

And Blackwood Soccer Club hopes to be its focal point in a blossoming future.

Blackwood itself plans to introduce two development squads over the summer but the special Adelaide Hills Junior Development squad under the guidance of Steve van der Veeden and Simon Ballard already is making giant strides forward.

As part of a concerted effort to have Blackwood seen as the end of a pipeline for local junior talent, the Hills club plans to introduce special summer coaching for 11-13 year-olds an 14-18 years.

"We hope to concentrate on every aspect of the game and give free, specialised coaching one or two nights a week throughout the summer" new Blackwood coach Donald Campbell said.

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THERE appears to be no major obstacles to the Ampol Cup going ahead again next season.

"We just want to work out a few other details with soccer officials," Ampol State and NT manager Ted Wziontek said.

"I should be meeting with them this week to iron out everything.

"We want more than a six-week exposure of the company pre-season.

"We shall see what kind of package the SA Soccer Federation can come up with."

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FORMER Adelaide City and Croatia midfielder Jesper Sorensen's team in Denmark just has been relegated to the Second Division.

It lost its match to his former club KB Copenhagen and made the drop.

Sorensen is expected back in SA in November for a holiday break.

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LOCAL referees are to hold a quiz night next month in the Black Lion to raise funds for CanTeen.

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BIRKALLA Eagles buzz-bomb attacker Ted Briscoe still is said to be interesting Wollongong City.

Coach David Ratcliffe has asked for permission to talk with the striking midfielder.

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TIME looks to be running out for the formation of a sponsored youth league to run fully in conjunction with this season's NSL.

The overall concept of a youth set-up in SA looks likely to be warmly received — but on terms compatible to all clubs in SA not just NSL outfits Adelaide City and West Adelaide.

Should local Foundation SA League teams submit entries to a summer set-up their kids would have to play 12 months each year.

That is a surefire burn-out situation and counter-productive to improving future standards in SA.

There seems to be a big turnaround in opinion over the benefit of SA's NSL 'giants' entering teams in the Victoria-based National Youth League.

When Adelaide City initially entered, president Charlie Caruso was quoted as saying his club's outstanding young players would receive immense benefit by playing in it.

"They would find it most beneficial because they would be playing against players of their own age an in a high-standard competition," Caruso said.

"It would be better for the club because the NSL coach would know which players he can turn to from the youth team."

Caruso said the NSL switch to summer had made it imperative City had a second team play in parallel with the NSL squad.

But, it seems, in hindsight, the costs involved and standard of opposition meant competing was not as beneficial as believed.

Thoughts then centered on a less costly local set-up. But City and West Adelaide now may have to revert to last year's format of playing Victorian youth sides.

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FORMER Austria and Port Adelaide favourite John Baines now is setting much higher goals.

He is off in October for a trek up Mt Everest.

The superfit evergreen will not try to make it to the top.

"I'll just be going to 21,000ft if I can make it," said the father of former Port and Para player Andy.

Andy now plays with the West Beach amateurs, another former team of his dad's.

The 'Roadrunner' still is catching the eye.

Former Campbelltown striker Chris Leyland has lost a little zap in pace but still can cut a dash in Division One amateur with Elizabeth Vale.

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USC Lion's giant teenage defender Doug Paterson is to try his luck in British Soccer.

Paterson, 18, the bargain buy of the season in the Foundation SA League, leaves early next month for Scotland.

He hopes to train and trial there with his favourite team,Heart of Midlothian, in Edinburgh.

But he also has an opening with English First Division side Nottingham Forest.

"I decided to go now because teams there are getting ready for their new season and there could be some openings," the gentle giant said.

"I want to go to Hearts first but Bryan Kent, of Lion, has helped arrange an opening at Nottingham Forest where he used to play.

"I went over to Scotland in 1988 but decided then to return here for a bit more experience.

"I am determined to make a go of things this time if I can — even if that means playing for a junior team and trying to get spotted that way."

Paterson, who was in the final 22-player squad for the world championship Joeys in 1987, had made a huge impact this year with Lion after arranging his own move from Croatia.

He initially plans to stay in the UK for two months to see how things go. If he is successful, he will stay.

The tall, solidly-built youngster crams plenty skill into his huge frame. He could be just the ticket for some progressive club.

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THE computer age is likely to come to the SA Soccer Federation early next month.

Negotiations are going on with a computer firm about installing a system in soccer HQ at Hindmarsh.

Andrew Marchant, secretary of the SA Division of the Australian Soccer Referees Federation, has been researching the SASF's computer requirements and has made recommendations to the board.

"Hopefully, we soon shall have all systems go," SASF chief Tony Farrugia said. "Disciplinary details, league tables, league tables etc. will be able to be put on system. It will streamline and update the whole administrative procedure.

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CD APAC chief Bobby Anderson is alarmed by the apparent lack of youngsters playing soccer in the Elizabeth area.

"I don't know where the numbers have gone," Anderson said. "There are eight different zones up here and they all seem to be struggling a bit compared to past years in the under-6 to under-14 age groups."

Despite the struggle for numbers and for clubs to keep ahead next season for Apac.

"We long have been seen as an old man's team but the other weekend 11 of our squad of 13 was under 23-years-old," Anderson said.

"They could keep us in good stead for next year. We would like to try to attract one of the right kind of experienced player to help us along."

Apac is coached by former Socceroo Bobby Hogg.

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Big boost for Queensland NSL hopes

GREG RUSSELL LOOKS AT THE SUNSHINE STATE

DUTCH International Wim Hofkens could be a trump signing for Brisbane United this season.

The Queensland club are in intense negotiations with the talented sweeper who is looking for a move from Belgian club Mechelen.

Hofkens is currently with Mechelen on their end of season tour to Greece and is expected to advise Brisbane United of his intentions this week.

"He's very interested in coming, and it has come down to whether he finds our offer acceptable," said United spokesman Lawrence Oudendyk.

Hofkens, 30, has played for Holland 15 times and was involved in an $800,000 transfer from Ajax to Mechelen.

But he had an unhappy time in the Belgian First Division last season, falling out with the coach and spending much of the year in reserves. If he comes to Australia, it will be a for a one season loan only as United openly admit they could never afford his likely transfer fee.

Brisbane United were put onto the defensive ace by a Belgian agent known by United coach Miron Bleiberg.

"It was a bit of an outside hope but the agent thought it was worth a try because he knew Wim was not happy," Oudendyk said.

"We have been very pleased at how far the negotiations have progressed, but we don't want to get too hopeful.

"It's a bit of a wildcard, but we've got our fingers crossed."

If United are successful in securing Hofkens, it seems unlikely the club would push ahead with signing Sydney Croatia's Olympic team ace Ned Zelic.

Zelic was in Brisbane again last week awaiting the hearing of the appeal against his hefty transfer fee.

The delay has frustrated United officials as the club fears it could be caught in a situation of having to decide on one of the players before the chances of getting the other is known. It would be tragic to commit themselves one way, then find the other choice becomes an easier or less costly exercise.

The news of negotiations with the Dutchman finally alerted anxious Brisbane United fans of long-awaited activity in the National League club's camp. And it appears more signings will be revealed in the coming weeks.

Up to six locals are believed to have been offered terms for the train-on squad of 27. Oudendyk confirmed terms had been agreed, although the identity of the players will not be revealed until their clubs are notified.

Signing locals does not cost Brisbane United any fees as the member clubs have agreed to release up to three players each for three years.

Oudendyk also confirmed negotiations were underway with a number of other overseas and interstate players.

Former QSF Development Officer Allan Evans, who returned to Britain early this year after a short stint at Perry Park, has been acting as a scout for Brisbane United.

He is believed to have put the club onto a well-credentialled striker and an experienced midfielder.

Brisbane United also are negotiating with former bustling Heidelberg striker Stuart Stevenson and New Zealand international Danny Halligan. Former Young Socceroo Mirko Runje also has been given a chance to ressurrect his NSL career but must finish his Victorian League commitments with Croydon before heading north for a trial.

Brisbane United played their first match, and tasted success, a week ago in a trial against Juan Cutillas' Queensland team.

With a number of overlaps in the playing staff, Cutillas was given first pick after which Bleiberg put together a side from the leftovers.

And they proved to be anything but that in outplaying Cutillas' Queensland.

Pine Rivers striker John Preston, who was left out of the inaugural Brisbane United train-on squad two months ago, showed why he was rated by the critics as a shock omission when he netted both United goals.

But the star of the night was young Toowoomba goalkeeper Jeff Phelp, who repelled the Queensland attacks and overshadowed Maroons keeper Stu Woodruffe.

Oudendyk played down the victory. "It was very much a training game," he said.

"But it was a good boost for the players and perhaps silenced some of the Brisbane United critics."

United will start intensive pre-season training on August 7.

WANTED STAR NED ZELIC

TICKETS are now available for the Presentation Night for the 1991 Miss Soccer Quest.

Nominations for the competition closed on July 26 and judging will begin soon.

As in past years, the final judging will be done at the presentation function, to again be held at the Italo-Australian Centre at Newmarket.

This year's function will be held on Saturday, August 17.

Entries have poured in from the various QSF clubs and several this year from affiliates including Fiona Hage, who is this year's referees' entrant.

Tickets for the Presentation Night are available from Perry Park. They are $32.50 (single) or $60 (double) which includes a three-course meal.

Many clubs are expected to book tables to support their entrant on the night.

AROUND THE NATION

Coach travel bug skittles Canberra!

From our man in Canberra Graham Cooke

TRAVEL may broaden the mind, but it has done nothing to improve Canberra's chances of claiming NSW League honours in the five seasons the club has spent in the competition.

A breakdown of home-and-away statistics since 1987 shows that the club has consistently lost championships because it cannot get close to matching its superb home performances on the grounds of opponents.

Incredibly, only six league games have been lost on ACT territory — and half of those in the 1988 season when the club was battling for financial survival and the circumstances were hardly normal.

Yet in the same period the club has lost 19 times on the grounds of its opponents.

There is no clearer indication of the difference than in the 1989 season when Canberra scored nine wins, a draw and a loss at home, while winning four and losing seven away — overall its best home performance and its worst away in a single season.

And while fans will look back at the single home loss to Rockdale Ilinden as dooming last season's championship chances, the fact remains that only half the available away matches were won.

The trend continues this season with the Metros still unbeaten at home, yet coming off a run of three consecutive losses, including a cup match away.

So, unless the club can improve its away showings, the championship is going to remain the elusive grail. What can be done?

Traditionally, matches are more difficult to win away from home. Unfamiliar grounds, antagonistic crowds, the strain of travelling itself are the most frequently quoted factors.

In the NSW League the first two do not normally apply — the competition is small and unchanging enough for most players to know what to expect on, say, a visit to Arlington Oval or Jenson Park — and for styles and systems to be adjusted accordingly.

Similarly, except for visits to Avala, the crowds are too small and docile to make much of an impact.

Travel itself is a problem. Of course, it would be great if the finance existed to fly the team to Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong, but the next best thing is a roomy, comfortable bus and this is being provided.

Another alternative is overnight travel, but my guess is a majority of players prefer an additional night at home even if it means getting up at the crack of dawn.

Of course, four hours on the road can never be the ideal preparation for a game, but the big advantage the Metros have over their opponents is that they do it every second week as opposed to once a season. It should be possible to develop routines, both personal and as a team, which can minimise the disadvantage.

Coach Tom Sermanni has agonised over its performance while he has been in charge — a draw and three losses is hardly something to cheer about — yet on top of all the problems of coping with two teams and unavailable, injured or suspended players, it must also be noted that three of those four games were away from home.

A comparison of Canberra's home-and-away records since it has been a member of the NSW League is as follows. Only league games have been included.

1987: HOME — Won 10, Drawn 2, Lost 1, For 34, Against 8. AWAY — 8, 2, 3, 19, 11. FINAL POSITION: 2nd.

1988: HOME — 5, 5, 3, 19, 15. AWAY — 4, 4, 5, 14, 23. FINAL POSITION: 8th.

1989: HOME — 9, 1, 1, 23, 8. AWAY — 4, 0, 7, 19, 17. FINAL POSITION: 2nd.

1990: HOME — 7, 0, 1, 27, 9. AWAY — 4, 3, 1, 13, 4. FINAL POSITION: 2nd.

1991 (to July 21): HOME — 6, 2, 0, 14, 2. AWAY — 2, 3, 3, 11, 15. FINAL POSITION: ?

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METRO COACH TOM SERMANNI

THE 16 members of the ACT senior soccer squad to play four matches against New Caledonia and Fiji next month are all conscious of the boost it will bring to Canberra soccer, coach Steve Forshaw says.

"Some of them at least are being asked to train three times a week as well as play on Sundays and that's a lot for part-timers," he said. "But we've had excellent co-operation from the clubs.

"There were one or two players who were initially considered and weren't available, but generally this is the side we wanted.

"Our biggest advantage is that the vast majority of them have had experience at a high level.

"Then, because on the tour of Fiji we'll be playing three games in a week, the squad contains a number of people who can fill more than one position — that's important considering only 16 are making the trip.

"Coming after a home game with New Caledonia it's a big ask for players used to just one game a week.

"At this level there's obviously no need to worry about basic techniques and the task (ACT coaching director) Jim Hayes and myself have been concentrating on is getting them together as a unit."

Bad weather has not helped. "From here on training will consist of either playing a game or working on some things we have identified as needing correction — and that will be it," Forshaw said.

"I have a reasonable idea on what the starting line-up will be. It's more a matter of match practice now."

Forshaw knows little of the Fijians apart from what he has seen on television — New Caledonia is a complete mystery.

On the club front, Forshaw feels he is winning the struggle to motivate his Belconnen United team after the triple triumph of 1990.

"Not purely because of that, but as one of the consequences, we have played badly through most of this season," he said.

"But in recent games there have been signs that we have turned the corner — and the good thing is that we are still within striking range of major honours.

"If we can put a run of four or five wins together now, we will be a threat both for the championship and the Ampol Cup.

"I don't think the standard of the league is that much higher than last year when we won everything. What has happened is that the teams which were just behind us have improved, while we've stood still.

"That's had the effect of evening the competition which, in turn, has made it a lot more interesting.

"Of our main rivals, we've got to play Olympic and Tuggeranong again, so Belconnen is still interested in retaining the championship."

Toms are off to new home!

BY GREG BLAKE

VICTORIAN Premier League club Thomastown will leave its Partridge Reserve home for greener pastures within the next three years.

The club was the big winner at a recent Whittlesea Council meeting when the council decided in favour of Thomastown being granted sole occupancy of an NSL standard soccer stadium to be built in the area.

Die-hard Thomastown supporters turned out in force for the council meeting on the ground issue, with many showing their delight with cheers when the Whittlesea Council made the anouncement.

The Premier League club has to fight off a concerted bid by Preston Makedonia to get the right to use the new stadium.

Preston had requested to use facilities on the Cooper Street site.

Thomastown secretary Tony Raponi said he was thrilled at the news that his club had succeeded in its bid.

"We had to show we were very serious about the issue, but we got our house in order and have been promised the stadium", he said last week.

"We are very happy at the result, it is what we have wanted and waited for because, in many ways, our existence was at stake.

Thomastown, officially known as TEL (Thomastown, Epping and Lalor), won the bid based on the fact that the club was promised the ground some years ago and that sharing it with an NSL club would endanger Thomastown's local identity.

Building on the new stadium is expected to commence next year.

ACT BRIEFS

A growing band of men and women are quietly going about the business of making Canberra's sports grounds safer places to play in.

They are members of the ACT Sports Trainers' Association, increasingly the first people a player will rely on in the minutes after sustaining an injury.

In soccer, junior club Belnorth leads the way with no fewer than five qualified trainers attending matches on Saturday mornings.

Barry Rumble, who has been kept busy with injury-hit University of Canberra this season, says the trainer bridges the gap between general first-aid and the specialist service given by a qualified physiotherapist.

"We have taken courses which help us to recognise and treat the common sporting injuries," he said. "We take care of the minor knocks and direct the more serious ones towards doctors or physiotherapists."

He said there are two levels to the sports trainers' certificate. "In the first you look at the general duties of a trainer, such as strapping and the initiation of treatment. The second builds on that and includes new elements such as fitness testing."

Qualification courses are run though Reid TAFE and are under the auspices of the Australian Sports Medicine Federation.

Further information can be obtained through the ACT branch's secretary, Pat Somerville, on 258 3327.

★THE ACT Primary Schools girls team to play in an inter-district carnival in Sydney from August 22 to 25 is: Peta Simotas (Weetangera), Alena Sar (St Vincent's), Anne Marie Cook (Flynn), Cassie Saywell, Amy Wilson (Miles Franklin), Danica Ralston (Maribyrnong), Sarah Castell (Farrer), Tracey Donohoe, Alicia Donohoe (Monash), Monika Fiorillo (Hughes), Dior Foxhill (Giralang), Carmina Mendoza (Arawang), Amy Taylor (Mount Neighbour), Michelle Tifin (Chapman). Coach Steven Hayes; manager Carol Hayes.

AROUND THE NATION

No new imports for Eagles

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

NSL cup holders Parramatta Melita have shelved all plans of importing two experienced internationals from Malta and will instead concentrate on the local market to rebuild their team for the new season.

Club president Sam Vella and his committee had devoted a lot of time and effort in their bid to attract 30-year-old defender Alex Azzopardi from current league champions Hamrun Spartans and 28-year-old midfielder John Buttigieg from English third division club Brentford but in the end were forced to suspend all negotiations.

"The financial demands involved were far too great" a disappointed Vella admitted last week. "We tried everything and explored every possible avenue, the simple fact of the matter is that our club just cannot afford them".

It's understood that Hamrun Spartans wanted a huge fee just to let Azzopardi go to Melita on loan for one season — "The sort of money which will enable us to buy a quality player outright" Vella explained. "As for Buttigieg, he's been given a free transfer by Brentford but his personal demands were totally out of our reach".

The Eagles have seen last year's successful squad almost decimated by the loss of up to eight players, leaving coach Raul Blanco with no other option but to embark on a rebuilding program.

"There's a number of players being considered," Blanco said before he departed with the Joeys for the Under 17 World Cup in Italy.

"A lot will depend on what happens with Greg Brown. Personally, I would love him to stay but I can understand the club's position. If Brown does end up going, we will at least have the funds available to buy a couple of quality players".

JAREK NOWICKI

One of Blanco's highest priorities will be to find a replacement for the retired Washington Gonzalez, a task he admits will be a mighty difficult one. "How do you replace a player of Washington's ability and experience?" Blanco asks. "There's simply nobody available who's in that class. Plugging that huge gap is going to be almost impossible".

Not that it's all doom and gloom for the ambitous Eagles The return of talented defender Greg Dickson from his year long absence with a bad knee injury will certainly be a welcome bonus to the side. Dickson is training well with the under 17s and is keen as mustard to reclaim his spot in the Olympic Games squad.

"He's like a new signing for us as he was out for virtually the whole of last season," Blanco points out, "and don't forget that there is still a lot of talent at the club .

"The selection of Andrew Callanan and Aytek Genc in the Socceroo squad will give them a newly found self confidence and I'm certain that they will respond accordingly. Then there's that little midfield dynamo Hugo Gimenez and the skillful Jarek Nowicki. I also expect big things from talented youth team players Jason Falzon and striker Aldo Marinich who will be given their chance to force their way into the side".

But perhaps the most pleasant surprise for Blanco is the tremendous attitude and ever increasing maturity of the enigmatic Marshall Soper.

"Marshall is doing very well in Malaysia where he is currently the second division leading goalscorer," Blanco points out "He is thoroughly enjoying playing soccer full-time and has taken the trouble to phone twice asking about our preparation for the new season. I'm highly impressed by his totally professional attitude".

The Eagles have already taken the first steps towards replacing some of their losses with the signing of former Apia midfielder Klaus Okon and striker Osvaldo El Ali from St George.

"Okon has never been given an opportunity to fully reach his potential," Blanco believes, "while El Ali will be much better suited to the South American style at Melita than he was with the Saints".

The first big test for Blanco's new-look side will come in their Charity Shield clash with champions South Melbourne a week before the NSL kicks off.

"Our aim must obviously be to further improve on the success we had last year" Blanco remarked. "People now expect us to do well but unless we adequately replace our losses it will be extremely difficult.

"Wholesale changes must produce an effect on a team's balance and understanding. Rebuilding a side always needs plenty of time and that's the challenge we are all looking forward to at Melita".

The sparkling brand of flowing football displayed by the Eagles was one of the league's highlights last season and no matter how the side might be reshaped, fans can be certain that Blanco will do everything in his power to ensure that the high standards which have been set will be maintained.

Sean is so eager

BY GREG BLAKE

SEAN Keogh, the largely unsung hero of Sunshine George Cross' brave battle against relegation, is keen to get another crack at the NSL.

While the exploits of Sunshine's young Socceroos, and the club's big money transfer dealings with the likes of Hasler, Kindtner, Muscat, the Foster brothers and Mori have dominated headlines, Keogh, so often the backbone of Sunshine for the past five years, has been ignored.

Which is not in itself unusual, as Keogh, despite toting up in excess of 150 NSL games with Juventus and Georgie, has rarely hogged the spotlight.

But he is keen and available to spring into NSL action at a moment's notice should he get the chance.

The 29 year-old, whose Sunshine contract expired at the end of the last NSL campaign, is disappointed that recent transfer speculation amounted to just that.

Brunswick Juventus expressed interest and South Melbourne considered him as a back-up to Bruce Maclaren, but, as yet, nothing.

"I'm really keen to stay involved at NSL level", says Keogh.

"If a club is eager to take me as a back-up I'd certainly be happy to take my chances.

"Unfortunately, there aren't that many clubs left (in Melbourne) but I've been more than happy to travel in the past, with both Sunshine and Juventus".

Sunshine, which goes back into training early in August in preparation for Victorian Dockerty Cup commitments, is keen to retain as many of its 1990-91 players as possible.

But Keogh, rated as Victoria's top custodian two seasons ago, has been transfer listed by the club for $15,000.

"But the club has been very good and said that figure is certainly negotiable", Keogh explained.

"All I want is the chance to maintain an NSL career".

Tassie dazzler

BY WALTER PLESS

Devonport City striker, Tom McGinn, has performed creditably this season considering he has not played soccer for the past five years.

The 23-year-old Scotsman is Devonport's leading scorer and ranks third overall in the State League, having notched 15 goals so far, nine of them in the league.

McGinn was a youth player with Scottish club Kilmarnock when he was 15 years of age and he even toured the United States of America with them at that time.

When he was 17, he received a six-month suspension — for a 'minor offence', as he prefers to describe it — and decided to give the game away and move to London.

It was there that he met a girl from Devonport and that is how he came to settle in Tasmania and take up soccer again with Devonport City this season, after arriving earlier this year.

"This is my first year back and things are starting to come good for me," McGinn said. "I will definitely be staying here because I think it's great and I'm enjoying it."

Devonport is currently second-last in the State League, but McGinn believes there is potential at the club which should see its fortunes improve soon.

"I think we've been unlucky," he said. "We've had a few bad games, but we've really come on well in the last four or five weeks.

"It's a great set-up at Devonport. The coaching is great and the facilities are excellent.

"We've got a few youngsters coming on, boys who could still be in the under-17s, and they're already playing in the State League.

"It shows the club is intent on bringing a bit of youth in addition to the experienced players that are already there.

"Hopefully, we'll have a good run in the Statewide Cup and we'll be back next season and challenging for the league title."

McGinn, at 168cm, is one of the smaller strikers in the State League, but he does not regard his lack of height as a handicap.

"It's not important how tall you are, as long as you can read the game and get away from people," he said.

"Out of every hundred goals scored, only about five, maybe even less, are scored in the air.

"I've always been a striker and it's my favourite position and I'd certainly like to win the Campbell Street Newsagency Top Goalscorer Award this season.

"We'll see how it goes, but obviously, I can't score goals without the rest of the team putting the effort in.

"Scoring goals is my job and that's what I'm there for and that's what I'll try and keep doing."

JUNIOR JOTTINGS . . .

Country cousins make it!

BY ROBERT WHEATLEY

FOR the first time in the history of junior soccer in NSW, the 1991 National Talent Identification Tournaments will contain a team representing NSW country.

The tournaments are the pinnacle of achievement for young players with the Under 12s being conducted in late September in Cairns, the Under 14s in Canberra and the Under 15s held in Adelaide, both run from the 28th September until the 6th October.

Previous NSW teams were selected from nominations and invitations from Youth League teams together with country triallists from the Branch Championships to form a united NSW side. Country players who failed to gain selection in previous NSW teams were then lost from the representative scene.

Country players are still initially first choice for selection in the NSW side but a lifeline has been extended to those with abundant talent who could not force their way into the No.1 side.

The results of this year's tournaments will be fascinating and will help to gauge the effectiveness of country teams and their progress as they compete against all other states in Australia.

It is no secret that National Coach Eddie Thomson and, more importantly at this stage of the boys' careers, Les Scheinflug and Raul Blanco — the Australian youth teams dynamic duo of coaches — use the Talent Identification Tournament as important steps in preparing the U17 and U20 national team squads. All players in the three age groups will be aspiring to emulate the feats of the 1991 Australian Under-20s who served the country so well and so successfully in Portugal only last month.

Country players and officials have made enormous sacrifices to ensure that their players are well prepared for this important step in their development.

Championships at Branch Level and training camps have been the main forms of identification together with training camps to fine tune the squads. While some selected players live in major regional centres, others have been plucked from obscurity and live in more remote parts of the state. The list of country players and their clubs illustrate the point.

ROBBIE WHEATLEY

COUNTRY PLAYERS

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UNDER 13		
Z. Alwan	W	Condobolin
S. Clarke	N	Kempsey
D. Edwards	N	Tanilba Bay
M. Fernandez	N	Alstonville
S. Green	N	Grafton
N. Halbert	N	East Maitland
C. Ison	S	Batemans Bay
S. Knight	N	Point Clare
D. North	W	Dubbo
D. Partington	N	Weston
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G. Sheldrick	N	Singleton
A. Wauchope	N	Wamberal
S. Wenzel	W	Dubbo
B. Wieczerek	N	Maryland
S. Wilson	N	Goonellabah
TRAIN ON		
C. Milne	N	Umina
M. Murphy	N	Sth Grafton
UNDER 14		
N	B	T
A. Fittock	N	Goonellabah
K. Bosenberg	N	Terrigal
D. Rosewarne	W	Lithgow
T. Heutt	N	Wollongbar
C. Scarlett	N	Lisarow
D. Hill	R	Griffith
C. Taylor	N	Macquarie Hills
B. Lovre	N	Empire Bay
S. Dixon	W	Cudal
C. Coneray	N	Redhead
D. Smith	N	Goonellabah
S. Serafin	R	Griffith
B. Keevers	N	Goonellabah
A. Alvos	N	Lismore
W. Sewell	R	Griffith
A. Taylor	N	Charlestown
TRAIN ON		
J. Skalij	W	Orange
D. Langford-Smith	N	Orange
UNDER 15		
N	B	T
W. Johns	N	Nords Wharf
S. Bush	N	Garden Subs
T. Williams	N	Belmont Nth
G. Blyth	N	Valentine
C. Jeffries	N	Edgeworth
J. McDermott	N	Caves Beach
C. Phelps	N	Grafton
W. Fitzgerald	S	Goulburn
M. Ross	S	Woolamia
B. Brodie	S	Nowra
B. Goodman	S	Nth Nowra
J. Ramsden	S	Hilltop
S. Sacco	R	Myrtleford
C. Modena	R	Griffith
C. Wever	R	Nth Albury
T. Nagle	R	Wodonga
TRAIN ON		
M. Marwick	W	Bathurst
A. Racconello	R	Yeuda

Women's squads

The Australian Women's Soccer Association national Junior (U16) and Youth (U19) squads for 1991/92 were selected during National Underage Championships in Woy Woy in July.

The Junior squad will have a development camp at the Australian Institute of Sport from 28th September to 4th October. The Youth squad will train at the AIS prior to a three match Test Series against New Zealand in Melbourne on 4, 6 and 8th of September. This series will be sponsored by Diabetes Australia and marks the second challenge in the Trans Tasman competition.

AWSA National Junior Squad 1991/92

SQLD: Jacqui Page, Helen Pothercary, Louise McMurtrie, Trena Youngblutt, Carinne Currey, Bryony Duus.
NSW Belinda Pietras, Heloise Gibb, Megan Clayton, Michelle Watson, Megan Cotton, Kristen Spinner.
SA Kristy Moore, Kristyn Swaffer, Desi Kontos.
ACT Kirstie Rayner, Joanne Braham, Marsha Soni.
TAS Naomi Denne.
NNSW Jennie Steel.

AWSA National Youth Squad 1991/92

SQLD Zoe Smith, Tammy Sprott, Claire Nichols, Mia Thompson, Kim Revell.
NSW Amanda Patterson, Ourania Amvrazis, Jackie Hadden, Lisa Turnbull, Jane Hornsby, Kaye Yarden, Tracy Weston.
SA Mara Kreismanis, Sara Griffiths.
ACT Angie Bean, Amanda Butler.
TAS Sarah Fitzgerald, Monique Brumby.
NNSW Tracy Chapman, Samantha Dillon.
VIC Cathy Minniti, Natalie Syros.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SHIELD

THE North Coast regional final of the Commonwealth Bank Shield saw South Grafton successfully defend their title from last year by beating Richmond River in a most exciting match.

Sweeper and captain Joanne Powell scored the only goal after 25 minutes of play after a great solo run. Pouncing on the ball on halfway, she took it towards the right side of the goal, where she noticed the keeper off her line.

A great 25 metre lob carried the keeper and nestled in the top left hand corner of the net.

South Grafton retained the 1-0 advantage at the break and proceeded to dominate play in the second half. Richmond River were continually on the defensive during most of the second period of play but many South Grafton attacking sorties went astray and 1-0 remained the score at full time.

Joanne Powell was involved in everything and was adjudged player of the match. Others to shine for South Grafton were central defender Julia Page and left winger Nadine Hoirtz, whilst for Richmond River Rachel Taylor never stopped trying.

Joanne Powell and Tania Doyle (South Grafton) and Rachel Taylor (Richmond River) were all members of the North Coast Team, which played so well at the recent Inter-Regional Championships at Parklea and finished as runners-up to the strong Hunter side.

Joanne and Rachel are also noteworthy as two of the very few girls, who have represented their schools in a boys' competition — the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup and both acquitted themselves admirably against the boys in the games they played.

South Grafton now are through to the last sixteen in the Commonwealth Bank Shield and will play the winner of the North West Region. The girls are hoping to emulate their deeds of last year and at least reach the quarter finals.

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SOUTH AMERICA with Mario Etchart

Argentina aces were the trumps

ARGENTINA, playing in a major competition without Diego Maradona for the first time in nine years, won its first Copa America, since 1959, last week, in Santiago, Chile.

A 2-1 victory over Colombia, secured by a pair of first-half goals scored 10 minutes apart by Diego Simeone and Gabriel Batistuta, followed Brazil's earlier 2-0 victory over host nation Chile, which required Argentina to beat Colombia for the title.

Brazil's victory gave the defending champion four points and would have given it the title on goal difference had Argentina and Colombia drawn.

But Argentina scored early and continued its offensive attack throughout to win its 13th South American major championship at nations level.

Brazil finished second with Chile third and Colombia fourth in the ten nation biennial championship.

Despite the absence of Maradona, who led his country to a World Cup title in 1986 but is serving a 15 month suspension from the sport, Argentina scored a tournament high 16 goals through the three weeks, led by Boca Juniors striker Gabriel Batistuta with six goals.

Argentina finished the tournament unbeaten with six wins and one draw record.

Fielding only three World Cup players, Argentina played rapid offensive football and showed they can play well without Diego Maradona.

Powered in midfield by Leonardo Rodriguez, Argentina pounded Colombia in the first half with attacks by star striker Claudio Caniggia and Gabriel Batistuta, the tournament's top scorer with six goals.

Argentine midfielder Diego Simeone headed in the first goal for the champions in the 10th minute from a centre by left-wing Basualdo, who received a pass from Rodriguez, the squad's outstanding new player.

A cross by Rodriguez sent Batistuta clear into the area and the long haired striker beat flamboyant Colombian goalkeeper Rene Higuita with a powerful low kick for Argentina's second goal in the 19th.

Argentina settled back in the second half and Colombia took the initiative after two changes, Bernardo Redin for Rincon and Valenciano for Albeiro Usuriaga, injected life into their attack.

A pass by Redin allowed De Avila to score from the edge of the area in the 69th.

After the Colombian goal, the match became dramatic with Colombia putting pressure on the Argentine defence until the final whistle.

A draw would have made Brazil champions on goal difference.

Brazil lost to Argentina in the preliminary round and coach Paulo Roberto Falcao, a 1982 World Cup semi-finalist, has come under pressure to resign after his squad's poor performance in its first official tournament.

ARGENTINA: Goycochea, Basualdo, Vasquez, Ruggeri, Altamirano, Franco, Astrada, Simeone, Rodriguez (Giunta), Caniggia, Batistuta.

COLOMBIA: Higuita, Cabrera, Escobar, Perea, Osorio, Alvarez, Pimentel, Rincon (Redin), Valderrama, De Avila, Usuriaga (Valenciano).

REFEREE: Juan Francisco Escobar (Paraguay).

Argentina in control against Paraguay

BRAZIL WIN WITH TEN!

BRAZIL, reduced to ten men when Branco was sent off midway through the second half, hung on to beat Chile 2-0.

Brazil's goals were both headed home from corners.

Mazinho II put the ex South American champions ahead in the eighth minute when he nodded in a corner from the left wing by Branco.

Midfielder Luiz Henrique, captain, in place of Neto who was relegated to the substitutes bench, converted the second in the 56th minute, courtesy of Joao Paulo.

Brazil, who had three men sent off in an earlier 3-2 defeat by Argentina, played the last ten minutes with only 10 men after Branco was sent off for bringing down Chilean striker Rubio.

Brazilian coach Paulo Roberto Falcao substituted midielder Valdir for striker Renato to stiffen the defence as Chile threw everything into attack but failed to score.

For the last encounter Falcao moved key defender Mazinho up to midfield to overcome Brazil's chronic weakness in attack.

Chile pressed for most of the match, with Brazil relying on fast counter-attacks by Renato, Mazinho II and Joao Paulo.

BRAZIL: Taffarel, Cafu, Ricardo Rocha, Marcio Santos, Branco, Mauro Silva, Mazinho, Luiz, Henrique, Joao Paulo, Renato, Mazinho.

REFEREE: Oscar Ortube (Bolivia).

Top scorers

The Argentine league's top scorer, Gabriel Batistuta, was the leading scorer of the Copa America with six goals followed by Ivan Zamorano (Chile) with five.

With three goals: Luis Monzon (Paraguay), Peter Mendez (Uruguay), Branco (Brazil), Anthony De Avila (Colombia).

With two goals: Jose del Solar (Peru), Eugenio La Rosa (Peru), Jorge Hirano (Peru), Arnoldo Iguaran (Colombia), Alex Aguinaga (Ecuador), Raul Aviles (Ecuador), Hugo Rubio (Chile), Claudio Caniggia (Argentina), Dario Franco (Argentina), Diego Simeone (Argentina), Joao Paulo (Brazil), Mazinho (Brazil), Luiz Henrique (Brazil).

Final table

Argentina	3	2	1	0	5	3
Brazil	3	2	0	1	6	3
Chile	3	0	2	1	1	3
Colombia	3	0	1	2	2	5

Argentina's campaign

First phase
Argentina 3 Venezuela 0
Goals: Batistuta 2 and Caniggia
Argentina 1 Chile 0
Goal: Batistuta
Argentina 4 Paraguay 1
Goals: Batistuta, Simeone, Astrada, Caniggia
Argentina 3 Peru 2
Goals: Latorre, Craviotto, C. Garcia.

Final phase
Argentina 3 Brazil 2
Goals: Franco 2, Batistuta
Argentina 0 Chile 0
Argentina 2 Colombia 1
Goals: Simeone, Batistuta

TITLES

Country	Amount
Uruguay	13
Argentina	13
Brazil	4
Paraguay	2
Perú	2
Bolivia	1
Chile	—
Colombia	—
Ecuador	—
Venezuela	—

Rewards are enormous

Gabriel Batistuta and Sergio Goycochea, two members of the Argentine team that won the Copa America have secured contracts to play for European clubs.

Batistuta, a striker from Boca Juniors club who was the leading goal scorer in the Copa America tournament, signed a contract worth 5.1 million to play for Italian club Fiorentina.

The 22 year old Batistuta will continue to play for Boca until he is transferred to the Italian club in June 1992.

"It is a great deal. Boca gets 2.6 million dollars and he will play for us for another season," Antonio Alegre, the Boca Juniors President said.

Veteran Argentine World Cup goalkeeper Sergio Goycochea 27, said he will play for French Second Division club Brest, but did not disclose the details of the deal.

Goycochea, who was goalkeeper for the Argentine squad that lost the World Cup to West Germany, is currently with Argentine Racing Club.

He had previously played for River Plate of Argentina and for Colombia's Millonarios.

Libertadores winners, Colo Colo of Chile started negotiations with Argentine Club San Lorenzo, to buy its midfielder Leonardo Rodriguez, one of the best players of the last Copa America. But he has now joined Marseille of France.

Another player who's going to Europe is Dario Franco. The Argentine midfielder will play for Spanish club Zaragoza.

COPA AMERICA HISTORY

Year: 1916 **Venue:** Argentina **Champion:** Uruguay **Runner-up:** Argentina
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Year: 1942 **Venue:** Uruguay **Champion:** Uruguay **Runner-up:** Argentina
Year: 1945 **Venue:** Chile **Champion:** Argentina **Runner-up:** Brazil
Year: 1946 **Venue:** Argentina **Champion:** Argentina **Runner-up:** Brazil
Year: 1947 **Venue:** Ecuador **Champion:** Argentina **Runner-up:** Paraguay
Year: 1949 **Venue:** Brazil **Champion:** Brazil **Runner-up:** Paraguay
Year: 1953 **Venue:** Perú **Champion:** Paraguay **Runner-up:** Brazil
Year: 1955 **Venue:** Chile **Champion:** Argentina **Runner-up:** Chile
Year: 1956 **Venue:** Uruguay **Champion:** Uruguay **Runner-up:** Chile
Year: 1957 **Venue:** Perú **Champion:** Argentina **Runner-up:** Brazil
Year: 1959 **Venue:** Argentina **Champion:** Argentina **Runner-up:** Brazil
Year: 1959 (Extra) **Venue:** Ecuador **Champion:** Uruguay **Runner-up:** Argentina
Year: 1963 **Venue:** Bolivia **Champion:** Bolivia **Runner-up:** Paraguay
Year: 1967 **Venue:** Uruguay **Champion:** Uruguay **Runner-up:** Argentina
Year: 1975 **Venue:** South America **Champion:** Perú **Runner-up:** Colombia
Year: 1979 **Venue:** South America **Champion:** Paraguay **Runner-up:** Chile
Year: 1983 **Venue:** South America **Champion:** Uruguay **Runner-up:** Brazil
Year: 1987 **Venue:** Argentina **Champion:** Uruguay **Runner-up:** Chile
Year: 1989 **Venue:** Brazil **Champion:** Brazil **Runner-up:** Uruguay
Year: 1991 **Venue:** Chile **Champion:** Argentina **Runner-up:** Brazil

Boca up!

Meanwhile in Argentina, Boca Juniors defeated Argentinos Juniors 2-0 to qualify for the Pre Libertadores Cup league with arch rivals River Plate Lorenzo and Racing. Boca Juniors will face Racing and San Lorenzo entertains River Plate in the first round.

The winner will join new Argentine champion Newell's Old Boys to represent Argentina in the 1992 Libertadores Cup.

Newell's beat Boca Juniors in the Argentine. Soccer League final.

Meola picks the right one!

TONY MEOLA in action.

IMAGINE growing up a quick train trip away from New York City and the New York Yankees decide they want you to play baseball?

Dream come true for any American kid, right? Multi-million dollar contract, fame and all the other spoils of being part of America's national sport.

Who wouldn't jump at the dream if it ever came true?

Tony Meola. Yep, the 22-year-old New Jersey native who kept Italy to just one goal in the Olympic Stadium in Rome during last year's World Cup chose soccer ahead of baseball.

When he was playing soccer and baseball at Kearny High School in New Jersey, Meola earned all-America honors and was drafted by the New York Yankees as a centre fielder.

Rather than wear the red-white-and-blue of America, Meola could today be in the fancy blue pin stripes of the Yankees out in the Bronx where millionaires turn up every day to play in the toughest, poorest Borough of the big city.

But in 1987, Meola decided he wanted an education rather than risk his life in baseball where so many talented young men have been deluded by riches only to be turned into paupers by one injury. He took up a soccer scholarship at the University of Virginia, which won the American National College title in 1989 with Meola in goal.

FROM OUR MAN IN NEW YORK MICHELANGELO RUCCI

Now don't start thinking that Meola is starving by choosing soccer ahead of baseball.

He drives a $A90,000 black Porsche and commands $A310,000 a year in his contracts with the US Soccer Federation and endorsements of Mitre and Reusch Soccer gear.

That should shatter some illusions about soccer in America!

Meola left Italy last summer after his dream to earn a place in an Italian First or Second Division club were cast aside, but his career has not fallen apart since.

He was named the player of the tournament at the Gold Cup in Los Angeles where he allowed only three goals in 10 days while guiding the US to its first major triumph.

Suddenly, six Mexican clubs are offering Meola contracts but Meola may still try his luck in Europe. He is a much better player now and who does he credit with his renewed confidence?

Bora Milutinovic, of course. The Yugoslav who worked miracles with Mexico and Costa Rica at the past two World Cups has since April transformed the US players who have lost just once in 10 matches.

"I think now that Bora is here, he will be cut-throat. He owes no one anything," Meola says. "I like that."

And so he should. That ruthless, but patient, attitude has turned US soccer into a hot item in the States where the media is searching for new sporting personalities to highlight.

Step forward Mr Meola.

"You know, 18 months ago the national soccer team meant absolutely nothing to the public," said Meola who is now inundated with 200 letters a month. "The media didn't care. We couldn't buy a story.

"Then we qualify for the 1990 World Cup and suddenly the media pops out of the woodwork. For myself, my family, choosing soccer has been a right decision.

"Do you know what it's like to sit and listen to the national anthem and know that you're representing the US? Just wait until the World Cup comes here in 1994. You are going to see something bigger than you've ever seen."

Meola was bigger than anything the soccer coaches at Virginia had seen when he turned up at the college in 1987.

"You live in an Italian house and you eat," said Meola, who was thrust into the goal because his coaches thought he was too heavy to do too much running.

That Italian cooking turned this Meola boy into quite a muscular guy who's not afraid to thrust his well-defined body into an oncoming striker. He's had his nose broken four times for the trouble.

"I put a little scare in my coaches sometimes," Meola says. "But I believe in doing what got me here. It wouldn't be fun for me if I hide under that goalpost."

Vincent Meola, his proud father, was hiding among 80,000 boisterous Italians in Rome's Olympic Stadium last year when he would have been the only Italian native not praying for the Azzurri to whitewash the Americans.

"I'm embarrassed to say this, but I didn't want them to know I was the father of the US goalkeeper," said Mr Meola, whose cover was blown by a US television crew.

"We're going to score 50 goals against your son," shouted one of the romans.

Mr Meola just kept quiet until the last minute when the Italians had managed to rake up just a 1-0 lead. "What happened to the scoreboard?" He shouted to his Italian critic. "It's supposed to be 50-0. What happened?"

VERY TAXING

DENVER's insatiable desire to stage matches in the 1994 World Cup continues to be frustrated.

First, the city's World Cup organisers may be left without a stadium in which to play the three first-round matches they are chasing.

Denver's proposal to the US Soccer Federation's World Cup venue committee offered Mile High Stadium, but that arena may be taken over by the new national league baseball club, the Colorado Rockies, if Coor's Stadium isn't completed by 1994.

The Denver City Council has already declared baseball will get Mile High before soccer does.

Assuming the Rockies do have their own stadium, leaving Mile High free for World Cup soccer, the Denver group bidding for the soccer extravanganza then has to come a very taxing problem that could cost it $A400,000.

World Cup USA 1994 demands that the tax applied to tickets to World Cup matches be no more than five per cent. In Denver, the tax on tickets to sporting events is 10 per cent and city officials say they will not lower it, not even for a world event.

That five per cent difference will have to be picked up by the local soccer organisers who are now trimming $A400,000 off their budget.

The US Soccer Federation has started calculating a new budget for the 1994 World Cup and according to Charles Cale, the chief executive officer of World Cup USA 1994, the month-long, 52-match event will cost $A260-$A330 million.

To increase revenue, the USSF rushed to Washington DC this week to ask the US government to approve a plan to mint commemorative coins for the 1994 World Cup.

USSF President Alan Rothenburg said: "the coins would generate the second-largest source of revenue — $A65 million — for the 1994 World Cup."

The World Cup USA 1994 commemorative coin act calls for three coins — a $5 gold piece, a $A1 silver piece nad a 50-cent piece.

"We're optimistic," said Rothenburg of the prospects of the act getting through congress. "We don't know of any opposition except those generally opposed to commemorative coins and those who want 50 per cent of the profits to go ward the budget deficit."

The act needs 218 congressmen to support its passage to law. So far 230 have agreed to sponsor the bill and put it before president George Bush for final approval in October.

The USSF would make profits on the surcharges on the coins — $US35 on the $5 coin, $US7 on the $1 coin and $1 on the 50-cent coin.

"Our goal is to stage the best World Cup ever," said Rothenburg. "How well we do will depend on how much money we have."

Money, money, money . . .

JOHN HARKES: another American come good.

PAUL VAN HIMST HAS BELGIAN CREDENTIALS

ON May 11, the Executive Committee of the Belgian Football Federation elected Paul van Himst as manager of the Belgian national team.

He succeeds Guy Thys, who, among other things in his successful 15-year career, took the Belgian national team to the final of the 1980 European Championship as well as helping them to achieve fourth place at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

Paul van Himst was born on October 2, 1943 and represented his country at senior level a total of 81 times.

He is one of only three footballers to have received the coveted Sports Merit Trophy as an individual, together with Michel Preud'homme and Jan Ceulemans.

The changing of the guard as former coach Guy Thys (left) welcomes Paul van Himst to his new post.

Golden Shoe

He was also presented with the Golden Shoe, the greatest football honour in Belgium, on four occasions (1960, 1961, 1965 and 1974).

During his playing career with Anderlecht, the team won the Belgian championship eight times, as well as winning the national Cup four times.

He was also the league's top scorer in three different seasons and scored a grand total of 235 goals in his long and distinguished career.

Van Himst first played at the age of 16 for Anderlecht during a match at Beringen.

He scored his first official goal at a home game on December 17, 1959.

In the sixties, the brilliant Anderlecht team was built around this exceptional technician with a thunderous shot and remarkable ball skill.

He went on to play for RWD Molenbeck and Endrecht Alsot.

Van Himst was selected for the national team at the age of 17 in Stockholm in 1960, and ended his international career at a match in Leipzig in 1974, when he injured his knee.

He scored 31 goals for the national team, which is a record in itself, and was also a member of the World Selection team in 1964.

Together with Pelé and many other football greats, he starred in the film 'Escape to Victory'.

Anderlecht

He succeeded Tomislav Ivic now at Marseille, as manager of Anderlecht during the 1982-83 season.

His team won the UEFA Cup against Benfica in 1983 (something he had been unable to achieve as a player, as he was a member of the defeated Anderlecht side in the first European final which the team played against Arsenal in 1970).

One year later, he was on the losing side again, when the team lost in the UEFA Cup final to Tottenham on penalties.

In 1985, he led his team to victory in the Belgian Championship, but was replaced by Arie Haan in the middle of the following season.

All the Belgian sportsmen and fans are thrilled at Paul van Himst's nomination, in particular Georges Grun and Enzo Scifo, whose careers were launched at Astrid Park while van Himst was managing the Anderlecht team.

Van Himst takes over the national team at a low point as Belgium have forfeited any chance of qualifying for Euro-92.

But he is determined to take the "Red Devils" to the USA in 1994.

ENZO SCIFO: the crack Belgian midfielder, voted his country's International Player of the Year, is looking ahead to his season in Italy with Torino after three big years in France.

ALL OVER AFTER 42 YEARS

NOW it is all over for the Oberliga after nearly 42 years of "socialist football.

What began on September 3, 1949 is now history, as are the activities of the 46 clubs who played at top level east of the Elbe, the actions of the players in 8,046 championship games, and the views of almost 87 million spectators who saw 24,200 goals.

For most of those 42 years the fans flocked to soccer, pre-1949 the favourite sport in and around Saxony but one which was disgracefully manipulated and woefully disadvantaged by the Communists.

Nevertheless soccer still enjoyed a popularity even extreme political dogmatism could not kill, and there were successes along a stoney way — sixth place at the World Cup in 1974, Olympic gold two years later, Magdeburg's Cup- Winners' Cup win in 1974, and Jena and Lok Leipzig each losing finals by the odd goal.

Now the fans await the arrival of the Bundesliga in Rostock and Dresden.

PORTO COACH

CARLOS Alberto Silva, the coach who led Brazil when they won the 1988 Bicentennial Gold Cup in Australia, is the new coach of crack Portuguese side FC Porto.

Silva, who signed a two-year contract said to be worth $500,000 a year, was somewhat of a surprise choice as it was believed that another Brazilian, with almost the same name — Carlos Alberto Parreira — had the job.

Parreira was also in Australia in 1988, as coach of Saudi Arabia, and last year he coached the United Arab Emirates at Italia '90.

The position at Porto, last season's Portuguese Cup winners, was vacant when Artur Jorge moved to take over Paris St Germain in France.

— LOU GAUTIER

New Milanese Boban with the famous shirt.

Berlusconi grabs Boban

Dynamo Zagreb superstar Zvonimir Boban, apparently, is not the mystery player Marseille president Bernard Tapie recently claimed to have signed.

The millionaire businessman-turn-Socialist-politician told the mass-circulation sports daily "L'Equipe" that he had signed a pre-contract with a top European player who would join the club in 1993 and become the "best player in Europe by the turn of the century", to quote his own words.

The newspaper has surmised he was referring to Boban, but the Croatian midfielder turned up in Milan where AC Milan president Silvio Berlusconi introduced him as *their* player.

Boban, however, may be too young to play abroad.

The only way he may beat the age restriction of the Yugoslav Federation is if Croatia forms it own football body, which is on the cards.

— LOU GAUTIER

BRING GARY MACKAY BACK

IS there another Gary Mackay out there who can get the Republic of Ireland to another European Championship finals?

Mackay of Hearts went on as a substitute for Scotland against Bulgaria in Sofia four years ago, and his goal ensured the Republic their place at the Euro '88 finals.

How Jack Charlton and the Irish fans long for something similar!

Charlton has said that the Irish can win in Poland and Turkey, but it may not be enough, with England now in the driver's seat.

Meanwhile, the list of players who are due testimonials from the FAI is growing rapidly.

Those already qualified are Kevin Moran, David O'Leary, Chris Houghton, Mick McCarthy and Packie Bonner.

The FAI may also help Jim Beglin, forced to retire after 15 caps.

Early summer moves in management in the League of Ireland . . . Pat Devlin is the new manager of Athlone Town, after acting as technical director at Shamrock Rovers last season . . . Noel Synnott, another former Rovers employee, takes over as manager of Kilkenny City . . . Bill Bagster has been appointed manager of Monaghan United.

(— from WORLD SOCCER)

GULF CUP IS OFF!

SIX Arab states have postponed the Gulf Cup tournament while they try to recover the trophy, which was stolen by Iraq after it conquered cup winners Kuwait.

The Gulf news agency (GNA) said representatives of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates decided to delay the 1992 tournament — due to have started next February — for a further seven months.

The six also agreed at a meeting in Doha, Qatar, yesterday to seek help from international and Arab football associations to force Iraq to return the cup, looted during its seven-month occupation of Kuwait.

DELAY!

THE Yugoslav soccer season, due to open on August 3, is likely to start late because of political unrest in the country.

The sport of skiing is also affected with Croatia and Slovenia, the two northwestern republics which usually provide most of Yugoslavia's top skiers, deciding to operate outside the national organisation.

The final decision about the soccer season was expected at the Yugoslav Soccer Federation (YSF) presidency meeting on July 26.

SKUHRAVY ENJOYS NEW ORDER

TOMAS SKUHRAVY

Democracy's unexpected arrival in Czechoslovakia has improved life for millions of people — including footballers.

One of them, striker Tomas Skuhravy, has proved that his World Cup displays were no fluke.

And he attributes his improvement on the field to the advent of democracy in his homeland.

"Our revolution and subsequent free elections widened all our horizons and gave us the motivation to succeed," he says.

"The federation decided to allow younger players to try their luck abroad, and like many others I opted to emigrate for the good of my career.

"Since I joined Genoa I've found the Italian League to be the most exciting in the world, and this is an experience that I never want to end."

An ever-improving attacking partnership with Uruguayan Carlos Aguilera has established the powerfully-built Skuhravy as a firm favourite with Genoa supporters.

The pair finished joint top scorers with 15 goals as Genoa finished fourth and qualified for the UEFA Cup next season.

Add the talent of Stefano Eranio — who made his debut for Italy last December in Cyprus — Gennaro Ruotolo, Roberto Onorati and Vinvenzo Torrente, and the "Rossoblu" emergence as one of the season's big surprises.

Skuhravy's aerial force and sheer physical presence are attributes that Genoa have exploited to the full.

But his adjustment to a new soccer life was no overnight process.

The vital goal was the last-minute effort to earn Genoa a 2-2 draw in Florence, after his first seven outings for his new club had proved frustratingly barren.

Questions were being posed about president Aldo Spinelli's wisdom in spending a reported $5 million on the doubtful basis of Skuhravy's liberal ration of World Cup goals against the United States and Costa Rica.

Those five goals, which enabled Skuhravy runner-up to "Toto" Schillaci in the Italia '90 scoring stakes, were an effective marketing exercise.

"I cannot deny that my World Cup success was a turning point in my life," he says.

"Without those goals I would have remained just another footballer, and would not have been eable to earn my living in Italy.

"The marketing here is ruthless and to begin with I received few crosses, but all the initial problems have been overcome now. I have finally learnt how to play in Italy, and know exactly what Genoa expect of me."

Coach Osvaldo Bagnoli, rarely one to indulge in public praise of his players, makes an exception for Skuhravy

"At first he seemed to be trying too hard and I had to tell him not to drop back too often in search of the ball," says Bagnoli.

"Now Tomas largely stays in the box, and that is his ideal position. Physically he is one of the most impressive players I've ever seen."

Skuhravy was born in the village of Prerov Nad Lubem, 30 kilometres from Prague, in September 1965.

In his childhood, advanced beyond his years in height and weight, he did well for the village schoolboy side, with lots of goals and a considerable dose of parental encouragement.

At 16 he joined the nation's most popular club, Sparta Prague, and 12 months later he had broken into the first team — helped by the Czch Federation, who granted him an exemption from the rule that nobody under 18 could play in the First Division.

He and contemporaries such as Ivan Hasek, Michael Bilek, Jan Stejskal, Vaclac Nemecek and Julius Bielik contributed greatly to Sparta's domination of the domestic scene.

During the past four seasons, Skuhravy scored 76 goals in 200 games.

He has been capped at youth and Under 21 level, and on 31 occasions for the full Czech team, and was second in the Czech Player of the Year ballot last term, to St Paul's Jan Kocian.

But he has not always enjoyed such status.

He often left his excellent club form behind when pulling on his country's jersey, and for a time up to the Italia '90 eliminators, national manager Josef Venglos preferred Milan Luhovy.

"Skuhra" regained a place thanks to Luhovy's recurrent injury problems, and the World Cup was the making of him.

"Skuhravy is a complete striker," said Venglos in Italy. "He has a powerful shot and is unbeatable in the air.

"I wouldn't exchange him for any other World Cup forward."

Genoa supporters would not either.

And it was little wonder that they scoffed at a recent report that Marseille was considering a world record bid of $25 million for Skuhravy!

Spartak Moscow star Dimitri Radchenko. The 23-year-old midfielder is reported to be on the verge of being signed by a Portuguese club, possibly Porto.

FOUR FOREIGNERS TO REIGN IN SPAIN

SPANISH First Division clubs can now sign up to four foreign players, instead of the current maximum of three.

The move was voted in by the Spanish Football Federation's general assembly.

But clubs can only play three foreigners in one match.

Champions Barcelona announced that they would not be selling any of their three foreign players — Dutchman Ronald Koeman, Hristo Stoichkov of Bulgaria and Dane Michael Laudrup — unless they were made a huge offer.

The club released a statement in response to mounting rumours that Laudrup was to move to French champions Marseille.

Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER

▶ **Hans-Dieter Flick, FC Koln's talented midfielder, has been lured to Fenerbahce — by the Turkish club's former German goalkeeper, Herald Schumacher.**

▶ Former East German Thomas Doll, now in Italy with Lazio, has been voted Players' Player of the Year in Germany.

▶ **PSV Eindhoven had knocked back an offer from Valencia of Spain for midfielder Erwin Koeman Ailing Valencia are now coached by Dutchman Guus Hiddink.**

▶ Kortrijk striker Laurent Ballenghien, 21, has been transferred to Germinal Ekeren — the club which surprised by clinching Belgium's final spot in the UEFA Cup by finishing fifth last season.

▶ **Hans Dorjee, who was Bobby Robson's assistant at PSV Eindhoven, will coach Feyenoord this coming season. Feyenoord, incidentally, will have to replay the second half of the Dutch Cup final against Den Bosch on August 8. The final was stopped after 83 minutes early in June when Feyenoord fans invaded the pitch to celebrate their team's 83rd minute goal. The replay will start with Feyenoord leading 1-0 on the scoreboard.**

▶ Cameroun's veteran World Cup goalkeeper, Thomas Nkono, is back on deck. He has come out of retirement to play for Sabadell, in the Spanish Second Division, next season.

▶ **Red Star Belgrade, Mechelen, Chelsea and Bari are taking part in an international tournament in Sweden on August 2/4 which no local team is contesting.**

▶ The Belgian Super Cup between champions Anderlecht and Cup winners FC Brugge will be played on August 7, in Brussels.

▶ **Jorge Solari, the coach of Spanish First Division side Tenerife, hopes to sign two countrymen during the off-season, both Argentine internationals — midfielder Dario Franco (Newell's Old Boys) and David Bisconti (Rosario Central).**

▶ Luis Angel Firpo are the new champions of El Salvador. The team includes two Uruguayan players and a Brazilian, and is rated the best club side in the region outside Mexico.

▶ **Sporting Lisbon have lost star players Oceano and Carlos Xavier — to Spanish club Real Sociedad. To make up for the loss, Sporting signed Figo and Peixe, two of Portugal's Youth World Cup-winning team.**

▶ Czechoslovakian internationals Musil and Zak, both from Spartak Hradec, have joined Portugal's First Division Penafiel.

▶ **French international defender Jean Phillippe Durand has joined Marseille from Bordeaux, demoted to the Second Division this season, to replace Bernard Pardo, who was moved to Paris St Germain.**

▶ Camerounian goalkeeper Joseph-Antoine Bell will play for St Etienne this season. This will be Bell's fifth French club. His last three teams were Marseille, Toulon and Bordeaux.

♦ **Veteran Paraguayan goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert will play in Argentina next season. He has been transferred from his Spanish club, Zaragoza, to Velez Sarsfield.**

♦ Inter Milan have purchased Salzburg's German striker Oliver Bierhoff, who with 23 goals was second on the Austrian scoring list last season. Bierhoff, however, cannot command a first team berth alongside Inter's other three German stars, so he has been loaned out for one season to Borussia Monchenglandbach.

♦ **Georgiu Slavkov, the Bulgarian international striker who played a couple of seasons for St Etienne in France and who was the top scorer in Europe six years ago, has re-signed for his Portuguese club, Chaves, for two seasons.**

♦ Czechoslovak international midfielder Ladislav Novak is the new coach of Belgian First Division RWD Molenbeek, based in Brussels. He replaces Hugo Broos, who succeeds George Leeskens at FC Brugge.

♦ **The Italian Coaches' Federation have awarded their annual prize as best European Coach to Belgian veteran Raymond Goethals for the 1990/91 season. The 70-year-old coached Marseille to the final of the European Champions' Cup, but this coming season it's Yugoslav Tomislav Ivic, ex-Atletico Madrid, who will be at the helm of the French champions with Goethals kicked "upstairs" as "technical manager".**

♦ Danish international fullback John Sievebaek, 29, has been transferred from Saint-Etienne to another French club, Monaco.

♦ **Dutch veteran Adri van Tiggelen, 33, has returned to Holland to play for champions PSV Eindhoven after a spell with Anderlecht in Belgium.**

♦ Paris has applied to stage a 1992 Cup final. UEFA will decide in January if the French capital is successful in its bid to stage the Champions' or Cup-Winners' final.

EURO-92 DRESS REHEARSAL WAS A BIG SUCCESS

THE 'Scania 100' four-country tournament, sponsored by one of the world's most prominent truck manufacturers, took place in June in Sweden's European Championship cities of Göteborg, Malmö, Norrköping and Stockholm.

The participants were the national teams of Sweden, the USSR, Denmark and Italy, to mark the firm's 100th anniversary.

The tournament at times provided some very fine football and was won by Italy against the USSR on penalties after the match had finished 1-1 at the end of extra-time, with Sweden and Denmark respectively placed third and fourth.

However, its aim was not only to provide a football show but rather to serve as a dress rehearsal for the Swedish Organising Committee of EURO 92 for the big event of June next year.

The trial was successful, according to the findings of both the UEFA Committee for the European Football Championship and the UEFA Stadium Committee, both of which followed the games on the spot.

The conclusions they drew were as follows:

1. In all the stadia the local EURO 92 Committees played their rôles — under the overall supervision of the Swedish national Committee.

2. Swedish television, as the 1992 TV carrier, used the same means of production as they will be using next June for worldwide broadcasts.

3. In every city the police and security services were brought in for the organisation.

4. The Swedish Post Office made their communications equipment available (telephone, fax, etc.).

5. As far as possible — this was a special tournament — the UEFA guidelines for the media were applied.

6. The ticket system (admission) planned for 1992 was tested.

7. The tournament enabled the organisers to obtain a concrete orientation as to infrastructure, communications and transportation, hotels and lodgings.

8. Particular attention was given to problems of security.

9. Altogether over 450 media representatives from various countries covered the tournament, already giving the local organisers some experience of the media attendance to be expected.

Small is beautiful

Through its excellent organisation of the tournament, the Swedish Football Association proved that even a relatively small football nation will be in a position to run such a major event as the European Football Championship.

In any case it will be on a different scale compared with the 1988 finals in the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Swedes have taken 'small is beautiful' as their motto.

Ruggero Rizzitelli of Italy and Ivanov of the Soviet Union in the final of the Scania Cup.

Franck Passi of Toulon, one of the clubs expected to struggle in the French First Division which kicked off on July 20.

German is honoured

It is stipulated in the UEFA Statutes that no country may have more than one member on the UEFA Executive Committee.

Following the recent unification of the two Germanies and the subsequent union of the two football associations, this clause directly affected Gunter Schneider, who has had to resign his place in favour of Egidius Braun (elected onto the Executive Committee at the Congress in 1988) after twelve years' service on this committee.

However, just as all of the other members of the UEFA committees from the former GDR will complete their terms on the other committees to which they were elected, Gunter Schneider will remain as chairman of the Youth Committee.

Gunter Schneider has done more than his share for European football.

He was a member of the (no longer active) Amateur Committee from 1970 to 1976, of the Committee for the UEFA Club Competitions from 1976 to 1978; he has been Vice-Chairman of the latter committee since 1978 and since 1986 he has also been Chairman of both the Youth Committee and the Bureau for the Under 16 teams.

GUNTER SCHNEIDER

Within FIFA, he was a member of the Organising Committee for the World Cup from 1980 to 1990 and has been a member of the Committee for the FIFA Youth Competitions since 1980. In addition, he is still active as a UEFA match delegate.

In view of his long service on the Executive Committee, Gunter Schneider was presented with a special certificate at the London meeting, together with the thanks of the Committee for the tasks he has already accomplished and will continue to fulfil for the European Football Union.

WHITESIDE'S WOE

Norm's stormin' days are over

NORMAN Whiteside, the Northern Ireland international who has a place in World Cup folklore, has been finally forced to quit the game.

'Stormin' Norman, still only 26, was the scourge of the opposition for five years in his heyday at Manchester United.

But after a £750,000 move to Everton two years ago, he was sidelined with a knee injury and now Whiteside has accepted that a career which promised so much is over.

The kid from Belfast was a strapping boy wonder. United's manager at the time Ron Atkinson sensed Whiteside was a bit special and give him a first taste of senior football before he had turned 17.

Forty-one days after his 17th birthday he lined up for his country against Yugoslavia in Spain, becoming the youngest player to appear in the World Cup finals. It is a record he still holds.

Domestic honours followed as he helped United beat Brighton in the 1983 FA Cup Final — scoring in the 4-0 replay win and grabbed the only goal against Everton in the 1985 Final.

He had only just turned 20 but was already a recognised international star and on his way to collecting 38 caps.

Atkinson says: "Norman was what I call a big match player. He had the ability and the temperament to rise to the big occasion."

And the Villa boss believes the 'hard man' image obscured the full quality of Whiteside's play.

"I honestly feel there was a misconception about Iron Norm and all that sort of thing," says Big Ron. "Of course he was big and tough and wasn't afraid to be in the thick of things.

"But I think that reputation overshadowed the fact that he was an extremely skilful player. He was a great passer of the ball and I think only those who actually played and worked with him appreciated just how good he was."

By the late eighties, though, injuries had clouded his career. He had two Achilles operations and relations with Alex Ferguson, United's new boss, had become strained.

Everton stepped in with a £750,000 cheque in 1989 but his career at Goodison Park never got going. Whiteside made just two appearances last season because of the knee injury and has finally made the heart-breaking decision to retire.

A double FA Cup winner with United

Atkinson says: "It's a tragedy that he should have to pack in at the age of 26. He had so much more to look forward to.

"But he's got to say to himself that he has a lot to be thankful for. He crammed more into eight years or so than most players do in a lifetime."

Ironically, Whiteside has indicated that he may now pursue a career in physiotherapy.

The career of stormin' Norm

Born: Belfast, May 7, 1965
Clubs: Man. United (206 apps/47 goals); Everton (29/9)
International career: Northern Ireland (38 caps/ 9 goals)

- **April 1982** Made League debut for United (sub) v Brighton
- **May 1982** Full League debut (and first goal) v Stoke
- **June 1982** International debut v Yugoslavia (World Cup)
- **March 1983** Scored in 2-1 Milk Cup Final defeat by Liverpool (youngest player to score in a Wembley Final)
- **May 1983** Scored in the 4-0 FA Cup Final replay victory over Brighton
- **Sept. 1983** First international goal in 3-1 win v Austria
- **May 1985** Scored the only goal in FA Cup Final v Everton
- **June 1986** Scored Ireland's first goal in the Mexico World Cup finals v Algeria
- **July 1989** Signed for Everton for £750,000
- **Sept. 1990** Sustained knee injury in training and played only two games that season
- **June 1991** Announced his retirement from the game

Villa buy

ASTON VILLA have plunged into the £2 million battle for Paul Stewart.

Wheeler dealer Ron Atkinson, in the process of rebuilding Villa, wants Spurs' Cup Final hero as an attacking midfield replacement for £5.5m David Platt.

Big Ron's move means increased competition for Manchester City.

Mains Road boss Peter Reid has made Stewart's return to City his top priority and remains quietly confident of landing his target.

His hand could be strengthened by the £1m sale of winger Mark Ward to Everton.

But a knee injury to the former West Ham star has created a slight competition.

This week, Atkinson hopes to clinch the £1.5m signing of Liverpool's Steve Staunton and, possibly, a £450,000 deal for Real Sociedad's Kevin Richardson.

Robbo

BRYAN Robson has been given the go-ahead to start the new season for Manchester United.

United manager Alex Ferguson confirmed that his 34-year-old skipper will be fit for the start of the new league program in two weeks time, despite a hernia operation just seven weeks ago and another injury which has put him out of the club's tour of Norway.

Gary out

CRYSTAL PALACE have made a move for deposed £750,000-rated Sunderland skipper Gary Bennett.

Their long-standing interest has led to a firm enquiry and Sunderland are prepared to sell.

New Southampton boss Ian Branfoot has offered £500,000 for Brighton striker John Byrne.

Oxford winger Paul Simpson, who interests Sheffield Wednesday, will sign a new two-year contract — but he can still go if a £1m valuation is met.

Manchester United want £60,000 for striker Daniel Graham, who is on a week-to-week contract at Old Trafford.

First Division new boys Notts County are poised to bolster their squad by signing Brentford 27-year-old out-of-contract striker Gary Blissett.

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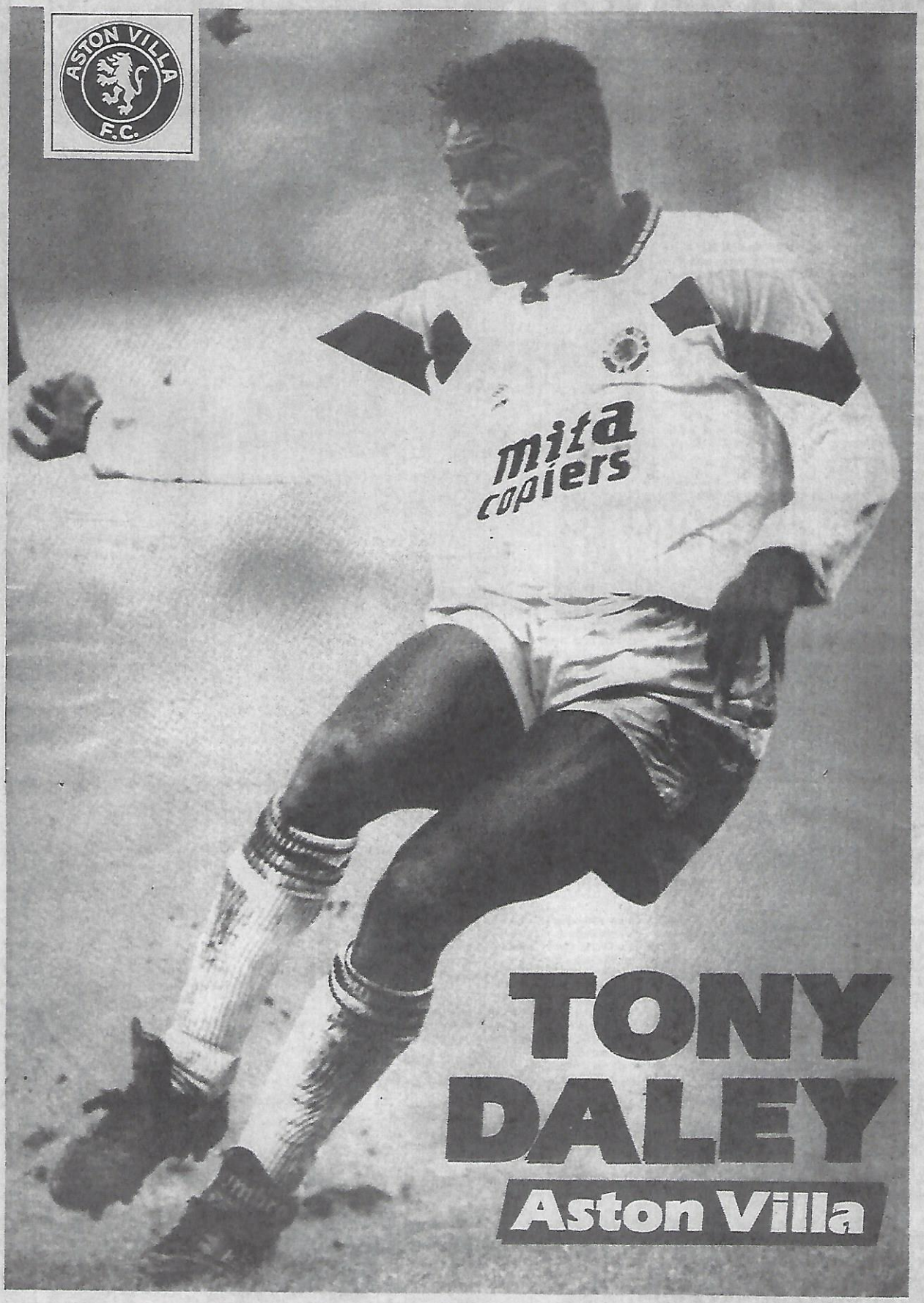

HAUNTED BY

My title winner brought me two years of torment

CHAMPIONS Arsenal are the League's first European Cup representatives since the UEFA ban on English clubs five years ago.

★ And George Graham's side will get a taste of the sort of opposition they're up against this season at next weekend's two-day Makita International Tournament at Highbury.

Alongside Arsenal will be Italian champions and Makita holders Sampdoria, Greek double winners Panathinaikos, plus newly-promoted West Ham.

★ For Michael Thomas, it's the hope of putting his two years of torment behind him and reclaiming his place in Arsenal's midfield.

DRAW — Saturday: West Ham v Sampdoria (1.0), Arsenal v Panathinaikos (3.0). Sunday: Losers' Play-off (1.30). Final (3.30).

Defending English First Division champions Arsenal

MICHAEL THOMAS

★ EXCLUSIVE ★

MICHAEL THOMAS felt the world would open up for him with the goal that won a League Championship for Arsenal.

He was 22, capped at all levels by his country and famous far beyond for applying the finest finishing touch ever to a title scrap.

Now, two years on, Thomas is no longer under serious consideration for an England place.

Arsenal, too, exiled him from their triumphant finale to another championship victory last season.

And on the eve of a new campaign, he's dead-locked with manager George Graham over the size of a contract he's refusing to sign.

Thomas treasured his title-winning goal flashed by live TV into millions of homes from Liverpool's Anfield.

He confesses now that it returns only to haunt him.

"Every time I step on the field. I feel the fans are actually EXPECTING me to score goals like that," says Thomas.

"Whereever I go, people come up to me and want to talk about it, thank me for it.

"I feel like saying 'Hey, where have I been for the last two years?'

"That goal is all I ever hear about. Don't misunderstand me, I wouldn't take it back for anything. I'd rather live with it than without it.

"But I now know what John Barnes has gone through with everyone waiting for him to score goals for England like the one he got as a youngster against Brazil so long ago.

"Before I scored that goal against Liverpool, life was just fine. I just got on with the game and enjoyed it.

Pressure

"Now I feel more pressure on myself whenever I get forward. I've let it get to me.

"The title-winning goal was one of eight I scored that season.

"I followed it up with six next time around and then three last season. Ideally I want to be scoring 12 a season.

"It's now time to put this whole thing behind me and everyone else. I want to get on with the rest of my life."

However, at Highbury next Saturday, Thomas will have a reminder of the reputation won for him abroad by his Anfield exploit.

Thomas is desperate to make Arsenal's starting line up for the Makita tournament which also features Italian champions Sampdoria, Greek double winners Panathinaikos and West Ham.

He will once again see Gianluca Vialli, Sampdoria's brilliant leading scorer in the Italian League.

Gary's goal

GOLDEN boy Gary Lineker is on course to end his international career as England's greatest goalscorer of all time.

Bobby Charlton's long-standing record of 49 England goals is now in Lineker's sights and the former Manchester United stalwart himself is tipping the Spurs ace to overhaul his proud total.

Now in his eighth year as an international, Lineker is likely to carry on playing at the top level for another two seasons — injuries permitting of course.

And that should give the former Leicester, Everton and Barcelona striker enough time to put his name up in lights as an all-time England great.

With typical modesty, Lineker shrugs off talk of 'the record' and insists: "I will only start thinking about it when I'm within a goal or two of Bobby Charlton's tally."

But, while he prefers to concentrate on the present rather than the future, there can be no doubt that Lineker deserves to retire from the international scene having set a new scoring record in excess of 50 goals.

It would represent a glorious end to an England career which began back in 1984 and which has included two, free-scoring World Cup finals.

He was the tournament's top scorer with six goals in Mexico 1986 — an achievement which was rewarded with a multi-million transfer to Barcelona — and he almost emulated that feat in Italy four years later.

Apart from a traumatic European Championship in 1988, it has been goals all the way for England's most popular international football of the 89s.

Without him, England would have struggled to re-establish themselves as a real force in international football — as they did in the two years which followed the dramatic demise in West Germany.

Although the Lineker trophy cabinet is relatively bare, the accolades and tributes continue to be bestowed on an immaculate professional.

After the 1990 World Cup Gentleman Gary — never booked or sent-off throughout his career — was voted the fairest player in Italy, a tribute to his genuine sportsmanship.

Since then, in the absence of Bryan Robson, he was honoured to captain his country.

A few more England goals — perhaps a European Championship triumph in Sweden in 1992 — and Bobby Charlton's record would be a suitable reward for his efforts.

Ace scorer GARY LINEKER

THIS GOAL

'Every time I step on the field, I feel the fans expect me to score like that'

Arsenal's Micky Thomas challenges Luton's goalkeeper

Amazed

Thomas recalls: "We met Sampdoria in the same competition at Wembley last season.

"And at the end of the game, Vialli called across to me: 'Hey, Thomas, you and me change shirts'.

"I was amazed he knew my name and picked me out like that.

"He must have read about that goal, or seen it on TV."

Thomas has since, mislaid his international celebrity status. Just like David Rocastle, another Arsenal star to be abandoned by England.

Thomas takes Rocastle as an example in his fight to restore himself to Arsenal's midfield.

Thomas says: "I played with Rocky for the same London kids' team. He missed nearly a whole season with Arsenal because he couldn't get in the team.

Strong

"He buckled down and played his way back. That's what I must try to do.

"I want to play abroad one day. But Arsenal are very strong in my blood and I don't want to leave now.

"The only way I'll go is if I reach the end of my contract next summer without reaching an agreement on pay.

"I signed my last deal three years ago and haven't had an increase since. Everyone is ahead of me.

"I'm not being greedy.

"I know what I want for a long contract and Arsenal know what they want to give me.

"It's cat and mouse. I hope we get there but, if I've lasted this long, I'm not going to give in now.

"I'll just have to put it out of my mind. At least I've learned one lesson.

"Arsenal asked me to play on with bruised ankle ligaments in the early part of last year and I agreed to help them out. I played in pain for months and obviously couldn't give my best. I couldn't tackle or even kick the ball properly.

"It cost me an England place and a possible trip to the World Cup.

Mistake

"That was the biggest mistake of my life and I'll never make another like it. No-one remembers now what I did."

Thomas had to stick up for himself at home as an only boy among four sisters.

And he never lost the habit, even in an England dressing room after winning the second of his two full caps.

Thomas reveals: "I was shattered and not very happy after playing in England's 2-2 draw with Yugoslavia at Wembley.

"They had five men in midfield, we had two. I tore all over the place looking for the ball.

"Manager Bobby Robson went on TV and said that Thomas now knew what international football was all about.

"But he was wrong and I told him so in the dressing room at half time and full time.

"We were simply out-numbered in my part of the field.

"I was chosen later in the squad to face Brazil, but Robson asked me about my ankle and I had to tell him it was dodgy.

"He put me on the bench, but I didn't play and I've never been in a squad since.

Chance

"I've got enough on my plate at Arsenal, without worrying about that now.

"There are four of us, Rocky, David Hillier, Paul Davis and me chasing two midfield places and then there's Siggi Jonsson, when he gets fit.

"It's in my own hands, so it's up to me to produce the goods."

And Thomas will have a better chance of doing that, he feels, if nobody talks of titles and mentions . . . well, you know what.

GEORGE GRAHAM

Spurs go Euro

FA Cup winners Tottenham Hotspur are the first English league side to experiment with a European style of management.

Peter Shreeves, 50, has returned to White Hart Lane from Watford as first team coach and will be in charge of team selection in a set-up similar to the one new chief executive Terry Venables worked under during his time with Barcelona.

Venables will by no means give up his strong links with the side, though. He and Shreeves will work closely over all transfer business, along with Doug Livermore, Shreeves' number two.

Shreeves will also continue in his part-time capacity as assistant manager to Terry Yorath with the Welsh national side.

THANK GOD FOR DEANO

I'm glad he stole my big-money tag — Pally

THE DELIGHT at Dean Saunders' record-breaking move to Liverpool wasn't confined to Anfield.

There was one voice at bitter-rivals Manchester United which exclaimed: "Thank God."

It belonged to Gary Pallister, who previously held the tag of the costliest transfer between British clubs.

England defender Pally cost United £2.3million when he moved from Middlesbrough two years ago, and the giant centre-back today warns £2.9m Saunders: You could also feel the heat.

"Dean will say his fee doesn't bother him," says Pallister.

"But I know it will. When it's constantly referred to, it becomes annoying.

'I couldn't be plain Gary Pallister — I was the £2.3m record transfer.

Ordeal

"I thought I could live with it, but when I made a bad start and was dubbed a flop who wasn't worth the money, it got to me.

"Dean could have a similiar problem if he has a run without scoring."

Pallister came through his ordeal, but stresses: "It's nice to get rid of the title of being the most expensive player sold between British clubs. I was surprised my record didn't go when Mark Wright moved from Derby to Liverpool for £2.2m.

"But I wasn't too worried because I knew Deano was also on the move from Derby and he'd take it from me.

"It's a big weight off my shoulders. I see Ian Rush has also said his big fee preyed on his mind.

"He cost £2.8m when he returned to Liverpool from Juventus — the most expensive signing from a foreign club.

"It could be a bit easier for Dean. He's joined a more settled side than the one we had at United when I arrived.

"And at Old Trafford, there's the constant reminder that it's been 24 years since we last won the League title.

Superb

"They certainly don't have that problem at Anfield!"

And Pallister is backing Saunders to be a winner.

"You've got to rate him highly. I first played against him when I was at Middlesbrough and I was struck by his superb pace.

"Now he also knows where to run to hurt defenders. He's always going to get into scoring situations and playing for Wales has helped his game."

Pally will do his best to ensure Saunders doesn't justify his fee when Liverpool meet United.

But otherwise, he's happy to say to Dean: "The record fee is all yours, pal!"

DEAN SAUNDERS

KEEP GOING FOR MORE BIG EURO SOCCER NEWS

IN DOUBT: JOHN BARNES

EXCLUSIVE

Barnes shaker

JOHN BARNES could be the latest to join Liverpool's worrying injury list.

Amazingly, England star Barnes could be the FIFTH Anfield player suffering from Achilles tendon trouble.

Wales ace Ian Rush went into plaster last week, joining team-mates Barry Venison and Jimmy Carter.

Now Barnes and Glenn Hysen have also reported to the treatment room with similar problems. Barnes could have joined the casualties in plaster but instead he had an injection in an attempt to clear up the problem.

Yet he had to pull out of Friday's friendly in Germany against Bayer Leverkusen.

It's a worrying development with the new football season just three weeks away. They are already resigned to kicking off against newly-promoted Oldham at Anfield without Rush and Steve McMahon.

STEVEN STUNNER

TREVOR STEVEN's £5.5 million move to Marseille was on Sunday on the brink of collapse.

The deal would have made the 21-year-old England international midfield player a millionaire, and a Rangers team-mate revealed: "Trevor's shattered."

Marseille chief Bernard Tapie, who announced he had signed Argentinian midfielder Leonardo Rodriguez and Yugoslav striker Alan Boksic, dropped the bombshell yesterday, saying: "I intend to sign another foreign player within two weeks, but it will probably not be Steven."

On Friday, Ibrox chairman David Murray told Marseille that the deal had to be completed by Tuesday otherwise he would call it off.

But he had hoped to iron out the difficulties, saying: "Trevor is very happy here, that's why he signed a new contract. But, for the sake of everyone's peace of mind, we have got to get things sorted out."

Tapie also revealed that he was no longer interested in Liverpool's England striker John Barnes, after having a £4m bid turned down, saying the Anfield club wanted too much for him.

■ Leeds go to neighbours Bradford City on Wednesday night for former talent-spotter Maurice Lindley's all-ticket testimonial. Tickets are available from the two clubs, but none will be sold on the day of the game.

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A bum Rush for a start!

LIVERPOOL striker Ian Rush has an Achilles injury and will miss the start of the English league soccer season next month.

Rush will be in plaster for the next four to six weeks and is expected to need a further two weeks to gain match fitness.

The 29-year-old player, scorer of over 300 goals in his professional career, first picked up the injury in June in Wales' 1-0 win over Germany in a European championship group five game.

Liverpool, runners-up to Arsenal in the league last season, begin the new campaign with a home game against newly-promoted Oldham Athletic on August 17.

Reds clear out

Danish midfielder Jan Molby, Swedish defender Glenn Hysen and Israeli striker Ronny Rosenthal look to be on their way out of Anfield after being axed from Liverpool's squad for its five-match European tour.

Liverpool manager Graeme Souness is missing the injured Ian Rush, Steve McMahon, Barry Venison, Jimmy Carter and Jamie Redknapp, but still could not find room for the international trio.

It will inevitably increase speculation that the trio's days are numbered at Anfield following Souness' arrival from Glasgow Rangers.

Before he left, Souness said: "Reputations or price tags count for nothing with me. I don't give a damn for them.

"I don't want players who perform when they want to and I think one or two of them were guilty of that last season.

"If a player gives you 100%, you can't ask for more than that. Anybody who gives me everything he's got will be in my team every week."

Meanwhile, former Luton strikers Brian Stein and Marc North are set to re-sign for the English First Division club and soften the blow of losing Danish international Lars Elstrup, who has returned home.

Stein, 33, had 11 years at Luton, but was given a free transfer and moved into French football in 1988.

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